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THE REPORTER: Good morning. My name is

Susan Muckenthaler. I am a Missouri-certified court reporter. We are now on the record. Today's date

- is May 13th, 2024, and the time is approximately
- 5 9:43 a.m.

6 This is the Zoom-recorded deposition of Eric Dillenkoffer in the matter of Keith Carnes 7 8 versus Robert Blehm, et al., Case No.

4:23-cv-00278-RK. The video recording is not being 10 externally monitored or recorded by a videographer.

Would counsel please identify yourselves 11 and whom you represent and agree on the record that there is no objection to this deposition officer administering a binding oath to the witness by 14

15 videoconference.

MR. HILKE: Wally Hilke for plaintiff 16 Keith Carnes. No objection. 17

MS. PETERS: Diane Peters for all 18 19 defendants except Amy McGowan. And no objections. 20 (Witness sworn.)

21 MR. HILKE: And just for the record before 22 we start, Ms. Peters has just informed me that Josh

Haner, counsel for Amy McGowan, is in court and will 23

24 join us later but has given us permission to

proceed. And so we'll -- we'll go ahead and proceed

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1 either because of the connection or because my question didn't make sense to you -- will you please ask me to repeat or rephrase my question? 3

A. Yes, I will.

5 Q. And, likewise, if you answer my question, 6 I'll assume you have understood it. Is that fair 7 enough?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there any reason you couldn't give honest and accurate testimony today? 10

11 A. No, there is not.

12 Q. And I'll just ask you -- and you're familiar with this as well -- to give verbal answers 13 like "Yes" or "No" so that the reporter can take 14

15 down a clean record of what was said and what

answers were given. Is that fair enough? 17

A. Understood. Yes.

18 Q. And, sir, you understand you're here today to give testimony as a -- on behalf of the Kansas 19 City Missouri Board of Police Commissioners; is that

21 correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And have you had the opportunity to review a copy of the notice of topics? Meaning the topics on which you will give testimony today.

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EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. HILKE:

> Q. Sir, could you please start it by stating and spelling your name for me.

A. Sure. Eric Dillenkoffer. It's E-r-i-c.

7 Last name is D-i-l-l-e-n-k-o-f-f-e-r.

Q. Thank you, sir. 8

9 And, Mr. Dillenkoffer, have you had your deposition taken before? 10

11 A. Yes.

Q. And what was the most recent time?

A. Back -- probably 2020.

Q. Okay. So it's been a few years. I'm 14 going to start by going over a few rules. You may 15

be familiar with them, but they will just keep us 16

moving smoothly today. We are, you know, being **17**

recorded, and our reporter is taking down everything 18

19 for the record. So it's important we speak one at a

20 time so she can make a clean record today.

21 Does that make sense?

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23 Q. You know, the connection is not always the

best, and my questions, likewise, are not always the

best. And so if you don't understand me today --

1 A. Yes, I have.

> 2 Q. So we'll mark Exhibit 1. Do you see in front of you a document titled "Notice of 3

4 Rule 30(b)(6) Deposition of Kansas City Missouri

Board of Police Commissioners"? 5

A. I do.

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Q. Scrolling down to the fourth page, there is a list of topics. Topic No. 3 specifies that

we're seeking testimony on "the Kansas City Police

Department's written and unwritten policies, general 10

orders, practices, customs, rules, and techniques relating to the following topics, as they existed 12

13 between January 2003 and December 2003 [sic]."

14 And then Subtopic A describes "the documentation and preservation of information 15 learned during a criminal investigation" and gives 16 more details on what that topic entails. 17

Do you see that in front of you?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. And is Topic 3A a topic that you're 21 prepared to give testimony on today?

22 A. I'm sorry?

23 Q. Is Topic 3A one of the topics that you're prepared to give testimony on today? 24

25 A. Yes.

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Q. And then, scrolling down, there's also Topics B, C, and D regarding production and disclosure of exculpatory evidence, interrogations and interviews of witnesses and suspects, and identification procedures, respectively. 5

Do you see those topics in front of you?

- 7 A. Yes, I do.
- 8 Q. Are you prepared to testify on those 9 topics today?
- 10 A. Yes.

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- Q. And then I -- Topic E is "discipline of 11 police officers." That's not one of the topics 12 you're testifying on today; correct? 13
- 14 A. That is correct.
- 15 Q. Topics F through H address how to conduct an -- homicide investigation, the use of witnesses in criminal investigations of incentivized accusers; 17 and questioning advisories, pickup orders, and other methods of designating witnesses to be stopped in 19 20 questions [sic].

21 Do you see those topics in front of you?

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- 23 Q. Are those topics you're prepared to 24 testify on?
- A. Yes. 25

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- Q. And then am I correct you're also prepared to testify on Subtopic J regarding training for 2 officers and detectives on the topics you've just 4 identified above that you will be testifying on?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And those are all the topics that you're testifying on today; correct?
 - A. I believe so, yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Thank you.

So have you reviewed any documents to prepare for your deposition today?

- A. I have. 12
 - Q. What documents have you reviewed?
- 14 A. The criminal case itself, and then some of the policies and procedures pertinent to the time 15 frame that we discussed here. 16
- 17 O. And as to the criminal case, what documents specifically about the criminal case have 18 you reviewed? 19
- 20 A. I would believe generally what we would call the "case file" and also some of the trial 21
- 22 transcripts from it.
- 23 Q. Okay. And so when you say the "case file," does that include police reports about the 24 investigation into the murder of Larry White in

2003? 1

2 A. Yes. I would say generally that just when I refer to "case file," that would be what I was provided by Ms. Peters in regard -- that would --5 that I would consider the case file.

O. Sure.

Did it also include any documents about sort of collecting and inventorying any physical evidence in that homicide investigation?

- 10 A. Yes. As far as crime scene reports and things like that. Not policies in regard to how 11 it's done or anything like that. But -- but, yes, 12 it would have the reports in there in regard to 14 that.
- 15 Q. Okay. And then you mentioned reviewing some specific -- some policies pertinent to this 16 time period; is that correct? 17
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And do you recall what -- what --19 20 specifically what policies you looked at to prepare 21 for this deposition?
- 22 A. I couldn't tell you offhand all the specific ones. I know there were ones in there 23
- 24 from -- about Miranda warning and Miranda waivers,
- stuff like that. 25

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Q. Yeah.

MR. HILKE: Diane, instead of me trying to go over them one at a time, would these be the same policies that you disclosed, like, back in October and that you emailed to me?

MS. PETERS: Correct. All the ones that I emailed to you this morning right before this deposition are the -- all the policies that he reviewed for the deposition. 10

MR. HILKE: Thank you for that.

- 11 Q. (By Mr. Hilke) So other than the policies Diane just described and the case file she provided 12 13 to you, are there any other documents you reviewed to prepare for the deposition? 14
 - A. No.
- 16 Q. Okay. And other than -- other than **17** Ms. Peters -- and I -- I don't want to know the 18 details of what you said to her or what she said to you -- did you talk to anyone else to prepare for 19 this deposition? 20
- 21 A. Not to prepare, no.
- 22 Q. Okay. Did you -- did you talk to anyone else about the investigation into the murder of 23 Larry White? 24
- 25 A. Not any specifics about it, but just

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generally that I was going to be providing a deposition in regard to -- in a homicide case that 3 Kansas City worked back in the early 2000s.

- Q. Okay. And in those conversations, did you receive any information about the policies and practices of that time?
 - A. No.

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- 8 Q. And you've had a chance to study the 30(b)(6) notice I showed you a second ago and the 10 topics that you're going to be testifying on?
- 11 A. Yes, I have.
- 12 Q. Okay. As you reviewed those topics, did you recall any additional policies beyond the ones 13 that Ms. Peters has given you that pertained to 14 15 those subject matters?
- 16 A. No. Not offhand, no.
- 17 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that in 18 testifying on the policies of the police department, 19 you're going to be relying specifically on the policies that Ms. Peters has given you? **20**
- 21 A. And just general knowledge from my 22 experience working on the police department.
- Q. Okay. Well, that's what I meant to ask 23 24 you about -- is, you know, for example -- you know, take the first topic about documenting and

Page 15 Q. Okay. Anything else you reviewed or did 1 2 to prepare for the deposition that I haven't asked 3 you about today?

> 4 A. Honestly, I think the only thing I did 5 when I was first approached was this -- was did a 6 brief search on the Internet just for news articles 7 in regard to the case because I had no prior 8 knowledge of any -- of the case or any specifics to 9

Q. I understand. Okay.

Could you please give me -- can -- can you tell me -- when did you -- you previously worked for the Kansas City Police Department; is that correct?

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- 15 Q. And you no longer work there; is that correct? 16
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. When did you start your career at the 19 **Kansas City Police Department?**
 - A. January of 1993.
- 21 O. Okay. Before that, had you had any prior 22 law enforcement experience?
 - A. Other than schooling, no.
- 24 Q. Okay. And what was -- what was your 25 schooling?

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- 1 A. Just some criminal justice classes in 2 college prior to that. 3 4
 - Q. Okay. Could you please walk me through a time line of your employment at the Kansas City 5 Police Department, meaning the positions you held 6 and the periods for which you held them. 7

8 Some of these might be a little -- just 9 kind of guessing dates but generally should be 10 pretty accurate.

11 But started in 1993. I graduated the academy in June of 1993. From there I was assigned 12 13 to -- as a uniform patrol officer until -- I believe it was fall of '96. And from there I went into investigations, where I started in our domestic 15 violence unit as a detective. 16

17 My dates bounce around a little bit, but generally from -- then I -- I spent a little less 18 19 than a year in domestic violence and went to the 20 homicide unit as a detective. In that period up 21 until 2006, I believe, I -- I was still a detective, 22 but I did a couple other stints in a couple other 23 units, one being our fugitive apprehension and 24 arraignment unit and then also as a detective in our

25 gang -- gang unit. I can provide a little more

- preserving information learned during a criminal investigation. As you prepared for this deposition, did you recall any policies on that topic beyond the 4 ones you've been provided?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Okay. What about producing and disclosing exculpatory evidence? Did you recall any policies 7 on that topic beyond the ones you've been provided?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. And what about interrogating or interviewing witnesses? Did you recall any policies 11 aside from the ones you've been provided? 12
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. On -- on any of the topics, did you recall 15 any policies other than the ones you've been provided? 16
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. So when you -- you described, you know, in 19 general your knowledge of the policies of Kansas 20 City, is there something specific you have in mind that pertains to the -- the policies we're going to 22 be talking about today?
- 23 A. No. I mean, not unless it's just
- pertinent to the question that you ask. But nothing
- is popping up in my head in regard to anything else.

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dates to those if you need -- need me to.

After that I went back to patrol for a while. I was wanting to, basically, study for promotional exams. So I left, went back to patrol.

Then went back to homicide in 2012. Then was promoted 2013 to sergeant. 2013 to 2000- -through 2000- -- I believe late -- mid -- mid-2015 I was a sergeant in patrol -- uniform patrol and then went to -- back into violent crimes investigations.

And from 2000- -- mid-2015 to when I retired in 2021, stayed there in our assault unit and as part of our critical incident investigation team.

And then retired in September of '21.

Q. Got it.

And since you retired in 2021, have you done any other work for the Kansas City Police **Department?**

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Q. Okay. And I should ask -- are you being compensated for your testimony today?

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Q. Did you remain in the gang unit when you transferred -- did you stay in the gang unit till you transferred out of the investigations unit in 2006 and went back to patrol?

A. No. I went back to homicide for another year and a half maybe -- year, year and a half.

Q. Got it.

And at the ti- -- at the times you worked 10 in the homicide unit, was homicide organized into different squads?

A. Yes, it was.

13 Q. And which squads did you -- did you work 14 in at the times you were in the homicide unit?

15 A. So at the -- at those times, there was three different squads. I guess for the lack of --16 17 they were assigned numbers. It was 1010 squad, 1020 18 squad, and 1030 squad.

19 My first squad was, I believe, 1030 squad. 20 This is a few years back. So -- and then when I

21 transferred back I was in -- I'm sorry. I can't

22 remember if it was 1010 or 1020 squad, but it was

not the squad that was headed up by 23

24 Sergeant Niemeier or with -- or those detectives, if

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Q. How much is it?

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4 Q. Okay. Now, from 1997 to 2006 when -yeah. You said you could break down a little the --5 maybe by more detail the different postings you have. Could you tell me -- you mentioned homicide detective, fugitive apprehension, and gang unit. 9 Could you break down for me how long you spent in 10 each role.

A. Absolutely. I was in a fugitive apprehension unit roughly 2000, 2001. That entailed kind of what I said -- going after wanted fugitives, people with felony warrants, and also to assist in the -- kind of the court arraignment aspect of that and getting -- getting arraignment and charges for people pertinent to Kansas City Police Department.

18 And then my time in the gang unit was 19 right around the time of this homicide, I believe, October 20- -- 2003. And I was there for two and a

20 21 half years. That involved, kind of as the name

implied, working subjects that were gang-affiliated.

Most of it was narcotics-related, but when I went

24 there at the time, we were trying to morph into some

more violent crime investigations within that unit

Q. It -- it does. You never worked directly with Sergeant Niemeier; is that correct?

A. Not under his direct supervision. We would have peripheral assistance between squads, but -- but generally each homicide case itself was a -- investigated by that squad that you were in that -- that it got assigned to. 8

Q. Now, my -- what I've heard and what we've heard in the testimony from detectives thus far is that there was training for new detectives when they 10 11 promoted to detective, but there wasn't a separate program -- like, training program once you joined the homicide squad specifically. Was that true in 14 the 2003-to-2005 time period?

A. So the new-detective training was really -- it wasn't mandated right as you became a new detective, whether it was homicide or -- or any other detective position. You know, it was a schooling that they would put on maybe annually.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. Maybe every other year just depending.

22 Probably depending on budget, depending on manpower.

23 You know, as far as that, we called it just

24 "detective school."

25 As far as homicide itself, again, there

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- wasn't anything, once you went into the unit,
- specific to that. As the department or as a unit
- could get training, typically through outside 3
- sources, that would be made available to, you know,
- a handful of detectives at a time. And again, that
- was probably more budgetary -- I'm speculating --6
- 7 than -- than really anything else.
 - Q. Yeah. That makes sense.

Do you have -- do you have knowledge of any specific such trainings that were offered from 2003 to 2005?

A. I couldn't tell you specifically in that 12 time frame. I -- I've been to a number of different 13 trainings put on by outside -- usually when I say 14 15 "outside entities," it's usually department members from other departments that have -- that have 17 started training -- doing training and putting those 18 on.

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20 A. But -- but through that time frame, I

can't -- I can't tell you specifically --21

specifically what I did during that time frame. 22

23 Q. I understand.

And I think your testimony was that what 24 the trainings were -- you know, the topics and how

Page 23 department investigated a homicide, was a case 1 detective assigned to the investigation?

A. Yes.

4 Q. And was the case detective responsible for maintaining the master file in relation to the investigation? 6

A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. Can you talk me through what was the process for creating and maintaining a master **10** file during this time period.

A. At that time most of it was still paper. So, generally, if you were the case detective, you know, you were responsible for putting that paper file together. We had a -- a format that we would 14

15 typically put those files in.

When I say "format" -- all your crime 16 17 scene reporting or evidentiary reports would be in one section. All your interviews or interr- -- your

19 interviews or statements from witnesses would be in 20 one section. Your suspects would have a section to

21 themselves. And then, you know, miscellaneous-type 22 section.

23 And then your front section would

24 typically be your court documents, you know, whether 25 there's a warrant or just some of our internal

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reports that would be used to send over to the courts -- probable cause, reports like that.

3 Q. Was the practice to maintain the reports 4 chronologically? Meaning in the order the reports 5 were dated.

A. I would say, again, generally within each section, yes. You know, so the -- I think the easiest one to explain would be witness statements, witness information. We -- we would generally do

10 chronologically within that, yes.

11 Q. Would you expect -- was -- was the 12 practice to do the same for police reports? Meaning

13 if, you know, patrol officers or detectives have

written reports that were relating to the

15 investigation that those would be placed

chronologically as well? 16 17

A. Yes. Within each section, yes.

18 Q. Okay. And was there -- I did not observe 19 in the policies the City has produced a policy that 20 tells how the master file should be kept. Did you 21

review any such policy in preparation for this

22 deposition? 23

A. No.

24 Q. Was it -- was the method by which homicide 25 maintained the master files taught by hands-on

often -- was dependent on budget. And it might be different, how many detectives could be sent to them, because they were budget dependent; is that correct?

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Q. Okay. I can show you an example, if it's helpful, but my understanding is that both the police chief and the board of police commissioners approve policy on behalf of the Kansas City Police **Department.** Is that correct?

11 A. I believe so, yes.

Q. Okay. Now, I want to ask a few questions about the -- are you familiar with the term of -- of a "master file" as a way of collecting documents in the course of a homicide investigation?

A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And when a -- when -- when the department investigated a -- and sorry -- by the 18 19 way, I'd like us to agree that when I'm asking you 20 questions, we're talking about 2003 to 2005 -- the 21 time period in the notice -- unless one of us specifies otherwise. Is that fair? 22 23

A. Understood. Yes.

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Q. And the -- was the practice of the 4 homicide unit that the case detect- -- you know, say a patrol officer collects a piece of evidence at --6 7 at the homicide scene or writes a report relative to the homicide. Is the case detective responsible for receiving that report and including it in the master 10 file?

A. They were responsible for putting it in the master file to the -- yeah, they were responsible to the extent that they know that that -- that information has been passed from, let's 14 say, patrol down to investigations.

16 So yes. I mean once that -- if that 17 information comes through -- whether it's through 18 interdepartment means or whether it's through an 19 officer dropping that report off or just, you know, 20 maybe crime scene reports -- those typically can take a while to get. Once they're -- they're down 21 there, yes, those would be given to that detective. 23 And then they're responsible for making sure that

And then I would also add that the -- the

ultimate -- ultimately the responsible party for 1 2

3 Q. Would you agree that, in -- in general, 4 that's part of the chain of command model of the department? That if you're a supervisor, you're 6 responsible for what your subordinates do? 7

A. Yes.

8 Q. And other than -- other than the chain of 9 command responsibility that sergeants had, did the 10 department do anything to monitor whether its 11 sergeants were adequately reviewing the master files in the homicide division? 12

A. I would not know at that time how that was being done.

Q. Sure.

Sitting here -- and, by the way, who -who was -- who supervised the homicide sergeants during this time period? Meaning what was the rank or title of the sergeants' supervisor?

20 A. There was a captain specifically assigned 21 to the homicide unit that was over the -- the 22 sergeants within that unit.

23 Q. Do you know who the captain was or who the 24 captains were during this time period? 25

A. I couldn't tell you specifically. I could

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controlling supervisor of that squad also does have responsibility to make sure that the detectives are following through with keeping these files up to

Q. And in this time period, how did sergeant -- and when you say the "controlling supervisor," is that going to be the sergeant for any given homicide squad who has that responsibility?

A. Yes.

that's in the file.

Q. And during this time period, what were sergeant -- what -- what was the practice among sergeants to ensure that the detectives kept a complete master file?

15 A. The first thing would be for the sergeant -- would just to be approving any reports that were initiated by the detectives within the 17 unit. And then I would -- each -- each sergeant 18 19 would have their own procedure, I guess, or their 20 own way of doing things. But, I mean, you're the 21 person in charge. It's your job to make sure that these -- you know, these files are as accurate as 22 possible and that nothing is being missed. So a 24 little vague, but I'd say that that was the

procedure that, you know, the sergeant was the

give you a list of captains. I don't know who it was at -- specifically at this point in time.

Q. But fair -- but, sitting here right now, you're not aware of any activities that the captains undertook during this time period to make sure that the master files were complete and accurate; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. Want to show you an example. One second. This is Exhibit 2.

11 MR. HILKE: Diane, this is Vern Huth -the part of this I'm showing is Vern Huth's 20---12 13 October 14 report from arresting Gary Kitchen. I 14 don't think I sent it to you. I only have one or 15 two questions about it. 16

Do you want a minute to find it or for me 17 to send it to you?

18 MS. PETERS: No. That's okay. You can go 19 ahead.

MR. HILKE: Thanks.

Q. (By Mr. Hilke) So I'm showing you the -the second page of this document. This is a Kansas City Missouri Police Department report form. It's a Form 100 signed by Officer V. Huth, and it's got a case number written in the upper right here. Do you

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- A. Yes.
- Q. So -- and I -- the second page of -- it's page 3 of the PDF, second page of the report -- is the report form narrative, and it describes executing an outstanding pickup issued by the homicide unit for the listed subject. The author, Vern Huth, was a patrol officer at the time he wrote this report.

10 Do you see that here?

- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And then there's a -- a "logged" and 13 "scanned" portion on the bottom left of the first 14 part of the report. Do you see that there?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. So what we've -- there's been testimony that in a homicide investigation, if a patrol officer writes a report -- like, this would be an example of one relative to a homicide -- after completing it, a copy of the report would be sent to the homicide unit. Is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And then at the homicide unit, that report would be directed to the case detective so that they would have a copy of the report; is that correct?

Page 30 A. Generally, those would go through the

supervisor and then down to the case detective.

Q. Okay. So first to the sergeant -- so it would go to one of the three sergeants of the three squads. And then they would make sure it gets to the case detective; is that --

A. Yeah.

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9 A. That -- that was the -- the process. It

10 was a -- it was a pan in each sergeant's office

11 where everything would go pertinent to the cases

12 that squad was working. Then that sergeant would disseminate any report out specific to whatever

13 disseminate any report out specific to whatever14 case.

Q. And then the detective's job after they get the report is to make sure it gets to the master file for the investigation; correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And then the sergeant is supposed to, you know, review -- be keeping tabs on the master file. So if the sergeant sees the report wasn't included, they can make sure that it is; is that correct?

23 A. That -- that would be specific to each

24 sergeant. Really, I would say the sergeant's

overarching goal is to make sure that anything --

that all the follow-up that needed to be done in
regard would be done. I would -- I would say there
is a chain of command. Ultimately, you're

responsible for your subordinates.

But, you know, that case detective was the one that probably knew the best, knew -- knew everything about that case and needed to make sure that everything was included in there correctly.

Q. Okay. So if -- if I understand the test- -- your testimony, it's a sergeant's job to make sure the investigation proceeds, but not necessarily to -- for example, at the end of the case, review the master file and make sure all of the reports ended up there. Is that correct?

A. Well, they would. I'm -- I'm just thinking back to this time. It would have been more difficult to ensure everything was there. It's kind of the -- if you don't know -- "you don't know what you don't know" type stuff from a sergeant's standpoint. So ...

But yes. I mean, they -- they need to make sure -- ultimately, it's their responsibility to make sure that that case file or master file is -- is accurate and complete as possible.

Q. And -- and was that a standard step at --

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1 during this time period for sergeants? Meaning once2 the investigation is completed, did the sergeants

3 routinely review the investigation master file to4 ensure that it was complete?

A. I couldn't tell you if -- I was just a detective at that time. I guess I'm kind of relying

7 on my later experience as a sergeant. But at that

8 time I wouldn't know specifically what each sergeant

9 would do to ensure that.

Q. Okay.

A. So I couldn't answer that question.

Q. And you don't have a -- you -- you don't have any reason to believe that there was a uniform practice among the sergeants? Meaning they all handle that issue the same way -- how much and whether they reviewed the master file at the end of an investigation. Is that correct?

A. I -- I wouldn't know --

19 Q. All right.

20 A. -- on that.

Q. And, certainly, you -- you -- one second.

22 At the beginning, you know -- in early

23 2003, during the time period we're discussing today,

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- A. Yes. Right around -- like I said earlier, right around October of 2003, I transferred to the gang unit. But, yes, right around that time I was a homicide detective.
- Q. And so around that time when you were a homicide detective, you weren't aware of any standard practice for review of your master files at the end of an investigation, were you?
- 9 A. By the supervisor or sergeant? Or by the 10 case detective?
- 11 Q. By the sergeant.

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- A. I could only tell you my experience with 12 my squad. You know, I -- I felt that we had a 13 sergeant that was -- that -- that would make sure, 14 15 you know -- that would touch base with us to make sure we were -- everything was in the file and 17 complete and off to the prosecutor's office, if 18 necessary. I just couldn't tell you, with the other 19 squads, how their supervisors or sergeants were -were doing that. 20
- 21 Q. For your sergeant -- and who was your 22 sergeant at the time?
- 23 A. It was Dave Bernard at the time.
- 24 Q. Okay. Did Sergeant Bernard actually look through, you know, your entire master file every

Page 35 1 et cetera, before approving a homicide detective's report?

- A. From that time frame, no, I'm not aware.
- 4 Q. Okay. And as a matter of practice, was 5 there any standard as to what information the homicide sergeants routinely reviewed for when they 6 7 approved their detectives' reports during this time 8 period?
- 9 A. Could you repeat that. I want to make 10 sure I understand correctly.
- Q. Yeah. Like, for example -- I guess 11 I'll -- I'll just repeat the question. 12

As -- as a matter of practice, was there any specific information or specific steps taken that sergeants did when they reviewed homicide detectives' reports?

A. I think -- I mean, the sergeants were typically -- or in my case, the sergeant was very aware of what was going on with the investigation and would routinely ask questions, you know, about reports, whether it be interviews or other information gained. I mean, they were very active

24 Now, if you're asking if there's a very 25 specific procedure, like a check-the-box-type

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time? Or, like you said, did he just check in with you to ask you if you had included everything in there?

4 A. Yeah. I would say it was more the latter. I mean, he was just -- I felt he was a conscientious supervisor that would want to make sure that we 6 were -- we had everything in there. But, again, it 7 wasn't sitting down going through every single page.

- Q. Yeah.
- A. You know, going through it.
- 11 Q. Other than reviewing and signing detectives' reports, during this time period did the 12 13 **Kansas City Police Department require its sergeants** to do any -- any further review of the homicide detectives' investigations? 15
 - I would not know that.
 - Q. So not that you're aware of; is that fair?
 - A. Not that I'm aware of. That's correct.
- 19 Q. And -- one second, please.

20 Did -- I haven't -- I haven't seen

- anything in this in the policies. In the policies
- you reviewed, are you aware of any document that
- guides sergeants in any way about how they should
- review reports? Meaning what information they should look for, what questions they should ask,

1 procedure, I'm not aware of that.

2 Q. Okay. So it was more about -- well, strike that. One second. 3

Coming back to the master file, when, you know -- if copies needed to be made of documents relative to the investigation -- for example, giving a copy of -- giving documents from the case file to the prosecutor -- were those documents -- were copies made out of the master file? Was that the 10 source of the originals from which copies were made? 11

- A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And who was responsible -- you know, 13 taking that example, giving documents to the prosecutor -- during this time frame, who was responsible for copying documents for the 15 prosecutor? 16
- 17 A. Typically that would be the case 18 detective.
- 19 Q. And am I -- where were the master files 20 kept within the homicide division during the course of investigations? 21
- 22 A. Each squad had file cabinets that would be locked, you know, when -- when that squad was not 23
- there at work. So they would be secured in -- in 24
- 25 those cabinets.

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Q. So all of the detectives shared a set of file cabinets in which the master files -- I mean -- strike that.

Within each of the three squads, each squad has its own set of file cabinets in which all the detectives in that squad keep their master files; is that correct?

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- 9 Q. And it's locked so that only detectives 10 from that squad can put things in or can add things to those master files; is that correct?
- 12 A. I wouldn't say generally just to add stuff. I would say to make sure information wasn't 13 being taken out of there or information from these 14 15 files was not for other people's eyes.
 - Q. Okay.
- 17 A. To protect the integrity of the files.
- 18 O. Right.

And that's -- and the -- the prac- -- am I correct that the practice was that when a report is entered to a master file, you know, unless it's like from a different investigation and put there in error, it should remain in the master file

24 permanently; is that correct? 25 A. Yes.

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Q. And are homicide -- homicide investigation files preserved indefinitely?

- A. Yes. That's my understanding.
- Q. And I -- I think we discussed this before. But you're not aware of any specific policies during

this time frame that address the review and approval of police reports; is that correct?

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- A. No. I'm not aware of any specific written 9 policy or anything at -- at that time. 10
 - Q. Let me ask you about the practice, then. Was there a -- you know, for example, I noticed there were no dates from when supervisors signed reports, at least in the reports we've seen. Was there any practice as to how soon after a report is written it should be signed during this time period?
 - A. As soon as possible is -- is about as good a answer I could get. I mean, once these reports were done, they were given to the supervisors.

18 19 And I will add that this is a -- the --

- 20 the approval of officers' reports was not just
- 21 specific to homicide or investigations. That's for
- any report, whether written by a patrol officer --
- would be reviewed and signed by a supervisor up through, you know, the investigation --
- investigative personnel also.

Q. Sure.

And let me -- let me clarify my question. I -- I didn't see any policies about sort of the

3 process or time line for approving reports from 4

anyone, being -- be it a patrol officer or -- or a 5

6 detective or anyone else. Is that your 7

understanding as well?

A. Yeah. From that time frame, I -- I could 9 not tell you if there was a specific policy anywhere 10 that dictated that.

Q. Okay. There -- there's not -- there's no such policy that you were aware of, sitting here right now; is that correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. So -- okay. So -- but the practice in homicide during this time was when a report is 17 written, it should be approved as soon as possible; is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And were -- in homicide during this time, when the sergeant is out for whatever reason, was 21 22 there an acting sergeant among the detectives who --23 who took the rank?

24 A. Yes. But not typically to approve reports. But sometimes there could be time frames

where a detective was handling some of the 2 sergeant's responsibilities.

Q. And why -- why wouldn't acting sergeants 3 4 approve reports?

5 A. That -- that was -- my experience would be 6 that was that separation between, you know, the 7 chain of command there, not having other detectives 8 just generally approve a report for you, that it would go through a supervisor -- so for their 10 awareness, you know, specific -- especially for a

11 case or -- like a homicide case. 12 Q. Well, am I correct on -- that one of the

13 reasons why the sergeants approve reports and they're supposed to approve them as soon as possible is so that sergeants can have, like, timely

knowledge of what steps are being taken in the 16

17 investigations they supervise?

18 A. Oh, absolutely. But I wouldn't say that we -- the sergeants relied on the information from

20 the report to have that timely knowledge. That

- 21 knowledge was always being verbally provided to your
- 22 supervisor if they were available, you know, pretty
- 23 much real time.
- 24 Q. Yeah. And that's -- it sort of was one of 25 the reasons, I guess, to do both -- to get, you

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know, verbal updates all the time and get reports and review them quickly so sergeants would have multiple points to be apprised of the investigation?

- A. Yes. And for -- for grammatical issues, potentially, also.
- Q. Yeah. And so if -- I'm just trying to 7 understand. That's one reason why detectives 8 weren't allowed to approve each other's reports; right? That then you lose the benefit of the report going to the sergeant so that you're making sure they are up to speed on everything that happens; is 12 that fair?
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15 Is there any reason why -- well, strike 16 that.

17 Were sergeants required to -- to indicate the date on which they approved the reports of their 18 19 subordinates?

- 20 A. No. Not that I'm aware of.
- 21 Q. Do you know why not?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. After the sergeant approved a report in 24 homicide investigations during this time frame, are

you aware of any requirement for the captain or

Page 43 1 homicide case file -- some of these reports might be

com- -- might not be coming in for weeks or months,

3 and typically those would be crime scene-type

4 reports, lab reports. Just something we didn't have 5 any control over. It wasn't somebody doing a report

6 and just not -- you know, and withholding it.

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8 A. So those were just specific -- being time-dependent on what was being done with -- with 10 that issue.

Q. Yeah. So my -- am I correct that -and -- and that wouldn't be unusual. Right? Like if you need to do, for example, testing of crime scene evidence, that's going to be dependent on 14 whatever backlog you may have at the crime lab or anything else; right?

A. Correct.

18 Q. And so separate from such a report going 19 to the detective and going into the master file, like, an evidence or a lab report could also be sent 21 straight to the records unit and preserved by them; 22 correct?

23 A. At that time, I don't -- I could not tell 24 you what that procedure was.

Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to say

Page 44 that -- to think that the only way the records unit

2 would get reports during this time period was

3 through copies made from the master file? 4

A. It could possibly be, yeah. Because some of those reports were generated specifically within the homicide unit and would make it into the master file before a copy could potentially go down there. But, again, I couldn't tell you specifically to that time frame that procedure.

Q. And just so that I'm understanding, it's -- it's equally possible that the crime scene could make a report that goes straight to records separate and apart from going to the master file, and you just don't know either way for this time period. Is that fair?

A. Yes, that's fair.

Q. Okay. One second. All right.

So are you familiar that there is a -- for an example. Well, I'll just ask.

Are -- are you familiar that some report forms during this time period, in the bottom right corner, have a field for, like, file number or file page number?

- A. That does sound familiar, yes.
- Q. What was the -- what was the purpose of

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another superior to review those reports? 2

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Q. And after the sergeant reviewed and approved a report, was there any place that report was kept other than the master file? Meaning was there, like, a secondary storage of approved reports separate from the master file during this time period?

A. Yes. I believe our records unit would get copies of all the reports as well as the file that -- that we kept. But I could not tell you any specific procedure on that at the time.

Q. So the -- and when you say "the file that was kept," did the records unit receive the approved reports as well as a copy of everything in the master file?

17 A. At some point they did, yes. I -- again, 18 for that time period, I don't know specifically when they would get everything. But, you know, like the 19 20 offense report -- they would automatically get a copy of the offense report, you know, pretty quickly. You know, within a day or so of that 23 report being done.

24 But all the other reports -- I mean, 25 only -- and I only say that because, you know, a

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that field during this time period?

- A. Are you talking about in the field? Or, let's say, what we're talking about, like the master 3 file? 4
- 5 Q. Yeah. Now -- now, I'm just talking in general. And let me -- let me show you an 6 7 example --
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. -- so I can specify what I'm talking 10

Okay. This is Exhibit 3. It happens to 11 be from the Kristi Carroll case not -- not the Larry 12 White case, but it's a -- it's a form that I believe 13 is used in both. And just showing you the bottom 15 right -- do you see where it says "File Page No. 196"? 16

- 17 A. You're -- the screens are blocking just that corner. Sorry. 18
- 19 Q. That's -- that's okay. You may have to **20** use the mouse to move it so you can see what I'm trying to show you. 21
- 22 A. Okay. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So you see where it says "File Page 23 24 Number" at the bottom right of this Form 107 report?

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2 Q. And when you describe giving multiple 3 incomplete case files earlier in the -- in -- like, in an investigation or a prosecution -- let me ask: 4 5 Do you mean that you would give the prosecutor all the reports that had been developed, but there might 6 7 be subsequent reports or testing that didn't exist 8 and couldn't be given? Or do you mean that it wasn't the practice to give the whole file, all the documents, until later in the prosecution? 11

A. I would say the first. It was only 12 reports that -- lab reports, let's say, that we did not have yet. We would not intentionally withhold 13 14 anything from the prosecutor's office. It -- only 15 because we had not had access to those reports at that time. 16

17 Q. Okay. So during this time period, the practice was to -- you know, first, to give 19 everything to the prosecutor that you have when 20 homicide detectives share documents with the 21 prosecutor; is that correct?

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Q. And then second is a fail-safe. The practice at the time was to number the complete file at some point and share it with the prosecutor so

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Q. What was the purpose of that -- of -- of the file page number in police reports during this time period?

A. Okay. So specific to that -- that would be -- so when we were giving information to the prosecutor's office, you have to understand that there would be multiple times that we would be giving information to them. We wouldn't withhold reports from the prosecutor's office, especially if 10 somebody had been charged -- we would not be withholding any of those reports. So we're going to 11 be giving them multiple reports, multiple incomplete 12 13 case files over the course of a time period.

Once that case is con- -- what we consider, basically, a completed case, we -- we would give them a -- our complete file, and that file would be numbered in such case like that from 1 to whatever it would take just as a -- just as a process to ensure that they're getting -- you know, so you don't want a prosecutor to come back and go, "Well, I'm missing page 43 through 48," for example.

- You know, they would have -- "Okay. We've got 1 23
- through 200 on this file. And this is" -- "what we 24 have is a complete case file now." So that's what
- that numbering is down at the bottom of that corner

that there could be no doubt that everything had, in fact, been given to the prosecutor? 2 3

A. Correct.

Q. Okay. If you know, was there any event or instance that caused the department to start numbering its -- numbering the case files given to prosecutors as a -- as a method to ensure that a complete disclosure was made?

A. I'm not aware of any.

10 Q. And, then, as far as you know -- well, 11 strike that.

12 To your knowledge, that would have been the procedure -- the numbering of the case files -for all homicide investigations during the time 15 period we're discussing; is that correct? 16

A. Yes.

17 O. So we -- Dawn Parsons, who was the prosecutor in the two criminal trials of Keith 18 19 Carnes for Larry White's murders [sic], gave a 20 deposition last week. And she said there that she recalled going to the homicide division, like, 22 before trials to talk to the detectives and make 23 sure that they had given her all the reports in 24 their investigations.

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1 was a practice during this time period? That

- detectives would meet with prosecutors before trial
- to make sure that the prosecutors had the complete file? 4
- 5 A. Yes. That was -- that was a normal course 6 of business.
- Q. Okay. And I -- she also testified that during that time period there was no shortage of murder prosecutions. And so the murder prosecutors 10 were pretty busy.

Am I correct that those meetings to make sure all the reports were given to the prosecutor before trial would typically happen not long before the actual criminal trial in those cases?

- 15 A. Well, I would say that the meetings themselves were not specific to just getting the
- case files. We, just as a course of business, would 17 have regular -- would be regularly in face-to-face
- contact with our assigned prosecutors. I mean, 19
- 20 that's -- we just had a close working relationship
- 21 with them and would routinely meet with them for --
- 22 you know, in regard to the investigations. Making
- sure that they had all the information was one part 23 24 of that.
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So as -- so for the homicide detectives during this time period, as prosecutors prepared for a trial, the detectives would meet frequently with prosecutors to talk about the case and make sure the prosecutors were fully informed; is that correct? A. Yes.

Q. All right. So I want to talk now about practices for interviewing and taking statements from witnesses during this time period.

MS. PETERS: Say, Wally, since you're moving to a new topic, do you mind if we take just, like, a five-minute bathroom break? 12

13 MR. HILKE: Let's go ahead.

14 MS. PETERS: Okay. Thank you. Okay.

15 THE REPORTER: Okay. Going off the record at 10:45 a.m. 16

17 (A recess was taken.)

18 THE REPORTER: Back on the record at 19 10:52 a.m.

20 Q. (By Mr. Hilke) So, sir, I want to ask you 21 now about the process for -- the practices for interviewing and taking statements from witnesses in homicide investigations during this time. Am I

correct that the -- in the homicide division there

were three rooms for witness interviews or

interrogations during this time period? 1

3 Q. And the preferred method for interviewing a witness who might have knowledge of a homicide was 4

to take them to headquarters and interview them at

the -- at the -- at the police headquarters on,

7 like, Locust Street; is that correct?

A. Yes.

9 Q. And the detective would start by

10 interviewing the witness in one of those interview 11 rooms; is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And if the detective wanted to memorialize that conversation or that witness's knowledge, he had the option of then taking a statement from the witness; is that correct?

A. Yes.

18 Q. What were the different options detectives 19 had for memorializing a witness statement during **20** this time period?

21 A. I think the only option we had during that 22 time was -- that we would use was to -- we had our

stenographers that worked there that would -- we 23

would actually take them over to -- there was a

separate portion with -- on the floor within the

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homicide unit where they would sit in front of a 2 computer and we would ask them the questions, you 3 know.

It was -- it was a format, I mean, and when I say "a format," you know, generally your name, date of birth, you know, the -- just very generic questions to establish the statement. And then we would ask them in their own words to provide what information they had in regard to the case that 10 we were working.

11 Q. Okay. And so when witnesses during this 12 time period were taken to the stenographer, was the 13 stenographer required to write down the questionings exactly how it's asked and the answer exactly how it's given? 15

A. Yes.

17 Q. And then -- by the way, part of the process could include showing photographs to the 18 19 witness for identification purposes; correct?

A. During the interview, yes.

Q. And we've had -- was there a practice as 21 22 to -- was part of the practice at the time that

photographs could be shown to see if a witness could 23

make an identification during the initial interview? 24

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- A. Yes, that would be the practice.
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4 (The arrival of Mr. Joshua Haner was noted

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6 MR. HILKE: And I see Mr. Haner is joining 7 us.

Q. (By Mr. Hilke) So then after --

MS. PETERS: Hey, Wally --

10 MR. HILKE: Yeah.

MS. PETERS: -- I apologize. I just want 11

Mr. Dillenkoffer to know that Josh Haner -- who he 12

is, since we've made a record of him, but he 13

represents Amy McGowan in this case. 14

THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.

MR. HANER: Thank you, all.

17 Q. (By Mr. Hilke) So -- okay. And so then if a wit- -- subsequently -- so if a witness makes an identification to a detective in the interview, 19 20 the detective then has the option of showing the photograph again during a stenographer statement and

22 memorializing the identification then; is that

23 correct?

24 A. That would be part of when we memorialized

it -- is providing that information, yes.

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Q. Okay. Now, the statements during this time period did not have a signature box for the stenographer to complete; correct?

A. Correct.

Q. Did the stenog- -- and I've seen some examples of this. Was it a practice of the stenographers -- would put their initials on the statement so that -- to record that they were the ones who had written the statement?

A. Yes. I believe typically down at the bottom of the report.

Q. What was the purpose of having the stenographers put their initials on the statement?

A. Again, just to identify who the person was 14 15 that was typing it out.

Q. Okay. And was there a concern that, you know, later if the witness says, "Oh, I was" -- you know, "I was coerced. I was pressured. That's not what I said," that it would be useful to know who the stenographer was in case it became an issue later? 21

A. I suppose that could be the case. I just never ran into any issue in regard to anything like that. It was just a standard practice that -- that 24

was done when I was there.

Q. Okay. Did the department in this period 1 2 have a rule about whether detectives could type a 3 statement in that same format?

4 A. I don't know of any specific rule. I can just tell you the typing skills of the detectives 5 would not have made it very practical to do 6 7 something like that.

Q. I've -- we had similar testimony that it was something that -- that was, you know -- or we -we deposed Steve Morgan, who was an investigator -a detective who did some work on the Larry White case, and he said, you know, at times he had done it 12 13 himself, but that it was hard because it was kind of 14 hard to type it.

15 Am I correct that there wouldn't be anything wrong with that? That there was no prohibition on detectives typing the statement for a **17** witness to sign if they needed to or thought -- or found it appropriate to do so? 19

20 A. No prohibition. I would just say that it 21 was -- they were very rare, rare examples of that 22 happening. And that was -- would only be due to 23 extreme circumstances dictating that -- within the 24 homicide unit.

Q. And can you explain what you mean by

"extreme circumstances"? 1

A. If there's not being a stenographer available. But they were -- we had stenographers

4 scheduled 24/7 on our floor there to -- to take

5 these statements. And I -- I can't think of --

offhand, of any specific example, you know, that

7 would be an extreme case where we wouldn't have them

8 available.

9 Q. Yeah. There's been testimony that the stenographers used, like, the equivalent of a 10 11 regular computer keyboard as opposed to, like, the 12 kind of shorthand machine you might see a court 13 reporter use. Is that correct?

14 A. That was correct. It was a -- what I 15 would call a desktop computer.

Q. All right. During this time period, did 16 **17** each stenographer have their own separate office?

18 A. I believe so. Yeah. I believe so. I 19 mean, I couldn't tell you whether they would use 20 other ones or not.

Q. Okay.

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A. I mean, we had multiple stenographer --22

23 little cubicles for each one.

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1 were multiple, like, areas in which stenographers could sit and type a statement; is that correct?

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- 4 Q. And so even if a stenographer was on duty, if they were busy or backed up taking statements, a detective could use another computer, another desk, and take the statement themselves; is that correct? 7
 - A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, the stenographers had -- a 10 rule the stenographers had to follow was they type up exact- -- the questions exactly as they're asked and the answers exactly as they're given; is that 12 13 correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Were detectives -- if a detective were to type up a statement, were they -- did they have to follow the same rule? Meaning they had to take down 17 verbatim the question as it was asked and the answer 19 as it was given?
- 20 A. Well, the detective would be asking the 21 question -- if they're typing it also. So what I --22 I would presume they would be typing what they're asking. 23
- 24 Q. I guess what I mean is when a -- when a detective summarizes a conversation with a witness,

which witnesses or what kind of information needed to be recorded via a witness statement as opposed to 3 summarized in a report? 4

A. I could tell you from my experience that we would take a formal -- I will say a "formal statement" -- that's one being typed out by a stenographer -- from witnesses when they were providing firsthand witness information to -- to a crime, like -- and I'm using this as a broad 10 example -- but "I witnessed John Doe commit this 11 crime" -- you know, they would provide it.

If -- if it was information that was not necessarily identifying in purpose, we typically would not take a formal statement from them at that time.

- Q. And was that a -- like, in the nature of a policy or a prohibition? Or more of a general practice for what kind of information is best recorded on a witness statement?
 - A. It's a general practice.
- Q. Okay. And when you say -- when you describe firsthand knowledge relative to the crime being investigated, was -- could -- could you explain for me what's -- what's encompassed by
- 24 25 "firsthand knowledge," like what kinds of things

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they're not required to try to do it verbatim; right? They're allowed to summarize; correct?

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- 4 Q. Are detectives allowed to summarize in that fashion if and when they type statements from 5 witnesses?
- 7 A. No. We -- we would, as a matter of practice, make sure that what was being asked and 9 what was being answered was verbatim. And I -- I 10 can -- just going a little further detail, the
- 11 detective would typically be sitting right next to the stenographer and watching on the screen what was
- 13 being typed. So we weren't -- you know, we are
- aware of what was being typed at that point in time
- 15 when we were asking that question. 16
- Q. Yeah. And, just to be clear, because 17 we've had testimony that detectives, at least on rare occasion, typed the statements themselves, my question is about what detectives are supposed to do 20 when their hands are at the keyboard typing up a statement. And my question is the detectives typing up the statement -- were they required to write down 23 verbatim questions and answers?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Did the department have any rules about

you're referring to when you describe firsthand knowledge of crime.

A. Identifying characteristics or the ability to identify a suspect or other subjects involved in a crime. I would just use an example -- if we were doing an area canvass, and a neighbor said, "Well, I was sitting in my living room" -- and, again, I'm generalizing -- "but I heard shots outside my living room." We wouldn't bring that person down and have 10 them give a formal statement to provide that 11 information.

Q. Right.

13 It would be appropriate if there was information of a nature that might identify or have 15 an identifying characteristic of a suspected perpetrator; is that correct? 16

A. I wouldn't say just a general identifying characteristic but, you know, more specific characteristics to -- to something like that.

Q. Sure.

Let me -- I can share this example, if it's helpful to see it. But in the Kristi Carroll homicide file, there's an example of a witness giving a statement. And the witness has lent his car to someone in exchange for some crack cocaine.

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1 And I don't know all the details, but I suspect that the vehicle he lent has some tie to the murder; right? So that it has some link to the -- who the perpetrator might be, if he can say he lent it to 5 the perpetrator.

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Q. That witness, then, memorialized -there's a statement of it. There's a statement saying "I lent my car to so-and-so."

Is that an example of something sufficiently identifying? Like, for example, tying a murder vehicle to a particular person? That would deserve -- that would be appropriately memorialized in a statement?

A. I believe so, yes.

Q. Okay. So, likewise, if a witness saw someone fleeing from the scene of a murder with a rifle, would you expect that witness's knowledge to be memorialized in a written statement?

A. Not necessarily. Again, it would -- I think it's -- it's always going to be a judgment call. But it's going to be how much information are they providing and how specific is that information going to be.

the course of speaking with prosecutors or -- that they might say, "Hey, we need to get a statement from this person," and later on down the line, we could. I think that's probably the best answer I can give on that.

statement from that person. But that could be in

Now, again, you know, we might not get a

Q. As a -- you know, as a practice during this time period, were statements generally only taken when a specific person could be identified, either by name or photograph, by the witness?

A. Typically, yes. And I -- I would extend it to maybe even -- to your example earlier, maybe it was a vehicle -- very specific vehicle that could be tied to somebody.

Q. And am I correct that -- like we've talked about this as a practice -- am I correct that you're not aware of any policy that governed when statements should and not -- should and should not be taken from witnesses during this time period?

A. That's correct.

Q. Let me ask a question about making photo identifications. The -- when making photo identifications during a typewritten statement, it's necessary to -- well, strike -- strike that.

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Q. Is there -- why -- why wouldn't it -- why wouldn't it be a good idea to take a statement from someone who had seen a potential perpetrator fleeing a homicide with a gun?

A. Again, I -- I think it depends on what information they're providing. If it's not an identifying person, if it's -- if they can't identify much to it other than that -- again, it's going to be a judgment call. But, you know, it's -at -- what purpose down the road is that information going to provide that could be impeached or anything

Q. Can you tell me what you mean by -- when you say, like, "could be impeached."

15 A. Well, speci- -- I -- I would -- I would say we give formal statements, you know, if they're 17 going to be able to identify somebody and say, "I 18 know that this is the person that did this, and in my statement I'm doing that." I don't want to 19 20 minimize the information provided, but a -- if 21 they're just seeing a dark shadow with a gun -again, that's a judgment call -- but, you know, what specific information does that provide that -- that 24 could provide specific testimony maybe down the

Am I correct that during this time period the process for making photo identifications during a typewritten statement was the detective would -would show a photo and say -- you know, ask them a question about it? Like, "Could you identify any" -- "know anyone or do you see the person you named here?"

And then the witness would verbally answer "Yes" and say, "It's No. 4," "It's No. 6," "Yes. It's so-and-so" -- basically give a verbal question and answer while being shown the photograph to memorialize it in the statement?

A. That process would actually be done prior in -- during the interview phase of that. And then it would be brought up during the formal statement also.

O. And I -- you know, I saw the policy on lineups, but I didn't see any policy about photo identifications, like, photo -- showing photos to

21 Are you aware of any such policies during 22 this time period for showing -- for photographic 23 identifications with witnesses?

24 A. You're talking specifically outside of a 25 formal lineup; correct?

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2 A. No. I'm not aware of any specific policy 3 in regard to showing a photo for a -- an identification purpose.

Q. Okay. And, similarly, I didn't see in the discovery in this case any -- any, like, form that was used, meaning a form that a witness would, you know, sign when making a photo identification.

Are you aware of any form that was given 10 to witnesses when they made photo identifications during this time period? 11

A. Outside of -- of just initialing or dating 12 13 the actual photograph itself, no.

Q. Was there a practice at the time as to where and how witnesses should sign and initial -sign and date the -- the photographs?

A. It would be the form -- like, let's say, 17 with a -- for a -- for a lineup -- it would be that 18 lineup that was specifically viewed by them. 19

Q. Yeah.

21 A. If they identified somebody, it would be initialed and dated. And then that lineup would be 22 recovered as evidence. 23

24 Q. And when you say "the lineup," you're referring to, like, if you've got a piece of paper

detectives I know. 1

> 2 Q. Was there any practice of having witnesses sign or initial and date the back of a six-photo identification instead of next to the photo they had 5 identified?

A. Well, I would say the purpose of the initialing and the dating was just to identify that specific lineup to the one that they viewed. A detective could have multiple ways of making that -of memorializing that identification, whether it was 10 through the statement itself or whether it was 11 12 through circling the photograph or -- I -- I would 13 say there's more than one way to do that as long as the person that they're picking is memorialized 14 15 somehow within that investigation.

16 Q. Okay. So it was done multiple ways by **17** different detectives, like the ways you've described, during this time period; is that correct? 18

A. I would say that's possible, yes. 19

20 Q. Okay. Exhibit 4 -- this is a statement of Wendy Lockett from the White homicide investigation 21 22 dated October 14, 2003. Do you see this on my

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Q. This is an example of the typewritten

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3 A. Yes. Or it could -- it could be a single 4 photograph also, you know, outside of a lineup for just -- for identifying -- you know, just 5 6 identifying a person.

Q. Okay. And just to keep our testimony clear, I'll ask you about live lineups for a minute later, but right now I'm just asking about identifications by photograph. Is that fair enough?

11 A. Yes.

> Q. Okay. So when -- was there any practice as to whether -- you know, and photos were shown to witnesses both ways; right? They could be shown as single photograph. They could also be shown as six photos together. Is that correct?

A. Yes. 17

18 Q. And was six the number that was used when doing a photo lineup? 19

A. Yes.

21 Q. And for the -- the photo lineups with six photos, were witnesses required to circle the photo they were identifying and initial it? 23

24 A. That was not a requirement that I'm aware 25 of. That was standard practice amongst a number of verbatim statements we've been talking about; correct?

3 A. Yes. I'm sorry. I'm -- I got it. I just 4 wanted to make sure -- yes. I see it.

Q. One second.

So on page 2 of this document, near the bottom of what I'm showing you here, there's a question: "I'm showing you a photo lineup which consists of six black males with similar features. 10 Do you recognize anyone?"

Answer: "No. 5 is Tre."

And is this in line with the kind of -is -- is that question and answer consistent with how photographs would be shown to witnesses as a practice during this time period?

A. For a lineup, yes.

17 Q. And you'd expect that before this was being taken in a statement, that same photo lineup 18 19 has been shown to the witness and she's indicated 20 that she can identify someone and who it is in the 21 preceding interview; is that correct?

23 Q. And there is -- you know, other than --24 there is -- during this time, as a practice, there wasn't any other sort of admonition to the witness

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before making a photo identification, was there?

2 A. As far as -- I guess I would need you to 3 expand on that a little bit.

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Q. Yeah. Let -- let me take a step back.

The goal of taking the typewritten statement is to have a record of the identification the witness made; correct?

- A. Well, to have a record of what -- I mean, what they would have seen, you know, what they would have experienced; but, yes, the -- the photograph or the lineup itself would be part of that statement. 11
 - O. And, by the way, was the practice that, you know, any -- any important information that was given to or received from the witness would be -- if a statement was taken -- would be memorialized in that statement?
- 17 A. As deemed by that detective, yes.
- Q. And -- meaning you wouldn't -- but -- so 18 19 let me put it this way. In the question and answer 20 here, the detective is asking the question kind of open-ended. He doesn't say, "Do you see" -- "do you 21 22 see Tre here?" He says, "Do you recognize anyone?"
- so that the witness can make an independent, you
- 24 know, decision without being, like, led or
- influenced by the detective; correct?

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A. Correct.

Q. And so if there was any separate admonition -- right? -- like, if the detective was going to say, for example, you know, "You don't have

to pick anyone. The suspect may not be in these

photos," something like that, you'd expect that to 7 be documented in the statement; correct?

A. Not necessarily.

Q. And why wouldn't you expect it to be documented in the statement?

A. Well, I think there -- it's -- in the statement itself, you're just memorializing the fact that they did pick somebody out in there. I mean, the -- the goal when showing the photo spread is to be as neutral as possible and not to lead on the person in any way.

Obviously, you know, we're talking about a specific crime. You know, so you're talking, you know -- you're asking them if they recognize

- 20 anybody from that crime. Sometimes they might pick 21 that pers- -- somebody out and say, "I know that
- person, but they're not involved in the crime." You
- 23 know, but that would be part of the initial
- 24 interview.
 - Q. Okay. So let's call that, like, an

admonition -- right? -- like a -- and is that 1 something you're familiar with from any point in 3 your career? Like, the idea that a witness should 4 be admonished before making an identification?

A. Can you explain a little more by what you mean by just "admonished."

Q. Well, I can, but first let me ask you this. Is that a term you've heard before in your career? Like an admonishment given to witnesses 10 before making identifications?

A. I mean, I know what an admonishment is, not necessarily specific just to photo lineups.

Q. Does it have -- does that term have any 13 meaning at all to you in the context of witness 14 15 identification?

A. Generally, yes.

Q. Okay. What does it mean to you?

18 A. I would say you're just -- well, giving 19 them parameters as to why we're -- we're trying to 20 identify somebody, you know. And we're -- we're 21 investigating a specific event. That's why we're 22 talking to them.

Q. So by "parameters," you mean, you know, "We're here investigating a homicide. We want to know what you know about it"?

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A. Yeah. I mean, it -- but the photo lineup 1 2 itself is not just going to be presented in a 3 vacuum. I mean, this would be after talking with 4 them to determine what they might or -- or might not 5 know.

I mean, if a person says that they didn't see anything or don't know anything, we're not going to drop down a photo spread in front of him and say, "Do you recognize anybody in regard to this crime?"

10 Q. Okay. So -- so let me ask this. As a 11 practice during this time period, was there anything 12 detectives -- detectives regularly told witnesses before presenting photos to them? 13

14 A. I would say as a general rule, in my experience, what I did and what detectives I worked 15 around did, yes. 16

Q. And what did you and the detectives you worked with do before you showed photos to witnesses in homicide investigations in this time period?

20 A. Well, if they provided information that we 21 believe that they could potentially identify a 22 person involved in the crime, we would -- before we 23 would show them the -- the lineup, we'd explain to 24 them, "Hey, I'm going to show you a lineup, and it's

going to be of six subjects." You know, and we

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1 would make every effort possible to make sure that they had similar features, and we would typically 3 say that to them, and say -- and then ask them, "Do you recognize anybody within this photo spread?"

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And if they did, we would have them, you know, expound on that. And "Who do you recognize?" and -- and "Under what circumstances do you recognize them?"

- Q. It -- it sounds like -- is that pretty much the way the question is asked here? "I'm showing you a photo lineup which consists of," you know, "six black males with similar features. Do you recognize anyone?"
- 14 A. Yeah. I would say that what's in the 15 statement is consistent with what we would do in the 16 interview prior.
- 17 Q. Okay. And so you wouldn't -- during this 18 time, there was -- is it fair to say that, to your 19 knowledge, that's the extent of it? That there isn't sort of a separate or different instruction 20 21 that's given to witnesses before they look at 22 photos?
- 23 A. So the only -- if there was any 24 difference, the admonishment or the setup would only be "Hey, this is why we're showing you this."

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Q. And meaning because, like, in -- and when you say "why we're showing you this" -- of what kind of explanation generally would be given?

4 A. You know, "We're going to show you a photo spread. Just" -- "and let us know if there's 5 6 anybody you recognize in" -- "in this photo lineup."

Q. Okay. And I apologize if it's -- if I asked this before. But is it fair to say that, as far as you know, there is no, like, policy or manual as to what witnesses needed to be told before making photo identifications?

A. No, I'm not aware of any from that time.

Q. Okay. And one of the policies you reviewed had to do with live lineups, but that policy specifically addressed live lineups, not photo identification procedures --

A. I believe --

18 Q. -- correct?

A. I believe so. I'm sorry. Yes.

20 Q. Was there any policy about -- well, strike 21 that.

22 I -- because I think you've said -- strike 23 that.

24 Was there any practice as to under what 25 circumstances a witness should be shown six photos together as -- as opposed to being shown one photo to be -- to make an identification?

3 A. So the general practice of that was if we 4 were showing them a single photograph, it was 5 typically somebody that they knew that we might not know the full identity of. And so it was just to 6 7 confirm that identity so if we had to go track this 8 person down and speak with him, we knew we were 9 going after the right person.

And I would say just because -- and in a lot of my experience in cases like this, people use nicknames, didn't have full names. So, you know, "You're referring to so-and-so by nickname. I'm showing you a photo. Is this the person you're referring to?"

16 You know, if it -- had we pulled that photo from a booking photo or something like that and had the information, that was just a 19 confirmation that we had the -- the right person 20 that we were trying to identify.

Q. And as the practice at the time, what was different about showing six photos? What was different about the purpose for showing six photos together?

A. That was more for suspect purposes, where

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they would not have a direct connection to that

Q. What do you mean by -- that you wouldn't use a six-pack if the witness had a direct connection to the person, if I understood correctly?

A. I guess I could just use an example. Say it's a domestic violence case you're working, or I'm working it, and the person is saying that they -- it was their live-in boyfriend that committed an act of 10 violence against them.

Q. Yeah.

A. The presumption is -- is that they live with that person, they know that person. I don't need to show them a photo lineup to identify that person. I'm just trying to make sure I have the right person identified so if I'm going to be submitting a criminal case against that person, I'm submitting it for the correct person.

Q. Now, am I correct that in homicide investigation as a detective, you're not necessarily just interested in the person who pulled the trigger or held the knife but also anyone who participated in the execution of a homicide? Is that fair?

A. Yes.

25 Q. So, for example, if there was a lookout,

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1 you're interested in developing evidence on that lookout; correct?

- 3 A. Yes. And just potentially identifying 4 that person to see what information they might have, 5 but yes.
 - Q. Okay. And is the same true if someone -if someone orders a killing? If someone directs someone else to commit a murder, as a detective you want to develop evidence on -- on the person who ordered the killing; is that fair?
- 11 A. Yes.

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- 12 Q. And same for if there's an a -- you know, a getaway driver, you want evidence on the getaway 13 14 driver; correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. And the practice at this time was to 16 17 investigate and develop evidence on all such participants in homicides; correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. In terms of these six-pack identifications -- or strike that. 21

22 You didn't use the word "six-pack," but I did. I just mean a photo spread with six photos in 23 24 it, which you said was more appropriately used for suspects who the witness is not, like, int- -- very

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identify people to, at some point in time, 2 potentially get information.

O. I guess it's --

A. It's -- it's not --

Q. Go ahead.

A. I was going to say it's not in -- it was never in an effort to try to circumvent getting a -an unbiased identification. You know, just the dynamics of these investigations, you're just trying 10 to identify people as you're -- as this information 11 is coming in.

Q. Sure.

I guess I'm -- you said -- you gave an answer, in part, that ideally, yes, when a detective thinks someone is a suspect, the identification procedure should generally involve six photographs shown to a witness. And I guess what I want to understand is whether there was a general practice on that point, whether as a practice, in general, detectives used six-photo spreads when they were trying to make a suspect identification.

22 Are you able -- do you know whether that's 23 true or not?

24 A. Yes. That would be a general practice. If we were trying to identify a suspect and we were

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Was the practice at this time to use the six-photo identification for any kinds of participants? Meaning, you know, the getaway driver, the lookout, the person who orders the hit, the person who pulled the trigger -- all of those, if they're identified in the course of an investigation, should be identified through six-photo identifications?

A. I would say it would just be dependent on the information you have at the time.

Q. What -- what information would make the

difference?

A. Well, I mean, if somebody specifically

15 identifying them as an accomplice in a crime, yes, but I think that sometimes could be a -- kind of a gray area. If we're just trying to identify other 17 18 subjects involved, we might find out later, yes, 19 they are more complicit than maybe we knew or didn't

20 know. But -- at that point of an investigation, I

think a lot of times, generally, you're just trying

to identify whoever you can that might have any

involvement, whether it be a witness, a suspect, or

24 an accomplice. You're just trying to identify

people who might have information.

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1 Q. Let me -- let me take a step back and ask, 2 from the department's perspective, why use 3 six-photograph identifications at all? Why not just

4 always used a single photo of the person who you -you know, if there's someone you think the witness 5 is talking about or you have a suspect, why not 6 7 always use a single photo?

A. In my opinion, that would be leading.

9 Q. And so it -- is it fair to say it --10 showing six photos when you're talking about a suspect preserves the integrity of the 11 investigation? 12

A. Yes.

Q. And so if -- as a practice if, at the time you take an identification, you think that a person could be a suspect -- a person being identified could be a suspect, in general, the appropriate thing to do is to show the witness six photos and ask them to make an identification; correct?

A. I think ideally that could be. But, again, the -- the dynamics of some of these investigation at the speed of which you're investigating them, potentially with a num--trying to triage that amongst a number of other cases -- you want to know -- you're just trying to

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trying to be as neutral as possible with that witness to have them provide an identification that's unbiased by us, we would use the -- we would

4 want to use that six-person lineup or photo spread.

- Q. And would you agree with me that, you know, as a practice, the converse of that is that if you're making an identification and you don't think someone is likely to be a suspect, but you want to identify them, you'd expect to use a single photo because, among other things, it's more expedient to use a single photo, and these are fast-paced
- 12 investigations typically?

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- A. That could be part of it, yes.
- 14 Q. So let me point you back to Exhibit 4 for 15 a minute here. I'm going to scroll you up to page 2 -- the top of the page 2, where it says "Question: Was there anyone else with Tre when the 17 shooting occurred? 18

19 "Answer: Fuzzy and Debo.

20 "Note: Ms. Lockett was shown a picture of Damon Rhodes, b/m, 5/14/75, and she identified him 21 22 as 'Debo.' Ms. Lockett was shown a picture of Mitchell Powell, b/m, 11/25/70, and she identified 23 24 him as 'Fuzzy.'"

Did I read that correctly?

2 typewritten statement there should be a question and 3 an answer about each photo and not just a note 4 saying Ms. Lockett was shown in making an 5 identification? That that's, then, a summary and 6 not a verbatim identification for purposes of the 7 statement? 8 A. I don't know that -- that I would agree

Q. Okay. And so am I correct that in a

that necessarily it would have to be a question in 10 each one. It was just to memorialize that the two people she was referring to by nickname -- it was 12 i- -- just identifying those two people. 13

Q. But let me -- let me ask it this -- let me ask this: If the stenographer is writing down what happened, and Wendy Lockett in this interview identified a picture as Debo, she must have said something during that interview; right?

A. During the prior interview, not during the actual typing of the formal statement.

20 Q. So is the stenographer -- you know, in the 21 Kansas City Police Department's practice, is the 22 stenographer allowed to take information from the prior interview that the stenographer didn't witness 23 24 and add it to the statement?

A. No. They would only add what's -- what's

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A. Yes. 2

Q. And then the -- the next question asks if Fuzzy and Debo had any weapons. There are no further questions and answers about the identifications of Debo or Fuzzy.

Do you see that?

A. There was no other -- I'm sorry. Just repeat that last portion. "There was no other ..."

Q. No other question and answer where Ms. Lockett is asked a question about Fuzzy or Debo or gives an answer about them. Do you see that?

13 Q. I mean, about their -- about identifying them. Do you see that? 14

A. Yes.

16 Q. So you talked about -- before about how 17 photo identifications are supposed to be documented when a typewritten statement is taken. And that 18 19 being that you show the photo, and it should say 20 something like "Question: Do you recognize this 21 person?"

22 "Answer: Yes, it's Debo." Something to 23 that effect.

Was that your testimony?

25 A. For -- for lineups? Yes. being stated at that time in their presence.

2 Q. Okay. So we agree that if Ms. Lock- -- if 3 the statement says Ms. Lockett identified the 4 picture of Damon Rhodes as Debo, she must have said 5 something in the stenographer's presence; correct?

A. I -- I don't know.

7 Q. I -- I mean, I -- and I guess I don't want 8 to ask you to speculate about what happened that you don't have personal knowledge of. In terms of the 10 practice, it would only be appropriate for the 11 stenographer to write down things that the 12 stenographer personally observed during the taking 13 of the statement; correct?

A. At the direction of the detective, yes.

Q. Okay. And so if the stenographer is following the rules and the statement says that a witness made an identification, that should mean that the stenographer witnessed an identification take place; correct?

A. No. She's typing down what that detective -- and that's why, I believe, it's classified as a note in here, that that detective provided that information to be added to the statement.

25 Q. Okay. Okay. So where it says "note," the

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1 way stenographers used that was it was a place that could include information they got from the detective separate and apart from what they witnessed during the witness interview; is that 4

A. Right. That -- that would not be just a -- a -- not a statement -- that just not -- would be not something that the -- the stenographer is just typing based on their observation. That would be the detective noting that in the statement.

- Q. Okay. And, by the way, as a matter of practice among the detectives, where a witness has identified someone at the scene of the homicide and they're being asked about it, the typical practice was for the detective to do the identification procedure again in front of the stenographer so it could be fully recorded; correct?
- 18 A. I would say for the -- for photo -- for 19 lineups, yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. I'm going to mark another exhibit. This is Exhibit 5. This is the statement of Felicia 21 Jones, also taken in the White homicide 22 23 investigation. This is a 4-page statement.

Are you able to see this on your screen?

25 A. Not yet.

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Q. How about now that I have hit the "share" button?

A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. All right. So in this statement, Ms. Jones is being asked questions about who she saw 5 on the night that Larry White was murdered. At the bottom of page 3, it says "Question: I'm now showing you a single photograph of another black 8 9 male. Do you recognize the person in the 10 photograph?

"Answer: Yes. That's Reggie. He was laying down on the couch in the apartment building. He's the one that told the other boys to 'Make him disappear.'"

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

Q. And I'll show you -- at the top of page 1 there's this exchange -- "Question: While you were at Reggie's, did you overhear a conversation between Reggie and the boys in the apartment?

21 "Answer: Yes. They had woke Reggie up. Apparently, they had woke him up before I got there because he was on the couch. And he just said, 23 24 'Make him disappear.'

"When you heard that statement, did you

believe that he was talking about the kid on the 1 corner selling?

3 "Answer: I didn't know who he was talking 4 about at first. But then when I went outside, they had to be talking about the kid selling on the 5 6 corner."

Did I read those correctly?

A. Yes.

Q. And I'll -- I'll represent that there's 10 other evidence, you know, in the investigation that the kid selling on the corner is Larry White, the victim of the homicide. 12

Does that make sense?

14 A. Yes.

16 that you gathered here, that Reginald Thomas had said "Make him disappear" in reference to a homicide **17** victim, that according to the practice of the detectives at the time, you would expect a six-photo 20 identification procedure in regards to Reginald 21 Thomas?

O. Am I correct that based on the information

22 A. I wouldn't speculate only because I don't 23 know more in-depth what was the context of what --24 what that discussion was about within the -- the

interview. So I wouldn't, no. I wouldn't say one

way or the other.

O. Okay. And just to be -- and is that your answer even assuming the following context -- if I give you the context -- this is a detective talking to a witness about a homicide, and the witness has told the detective Reggie Thomas told -- told some people in his apartment to make the murder victim disappear right before the murder.

If you assume that context, would you have 10 the same answer?

11 A. Yeah. Because I'm only going by what I 12 could see in the statement here, not what was in 13 that detective's mind or what the conversation was prior to that -- what made -- what made him 15 determine to do it that way.

Q. All right. And from your knowledge as a 16 17 homicide detective at this time and your testimony 18 that a six-photo identification is a -- is a step to 19 preserve the integrity of an investigation when 20 identifying a suspect, can you think of any reason 21 it wouldn't have been a good idea to use a six-photo 22 identification in reference to Reginald Thomas in 23 this interview?

24 A. I mean, I can't -- no, I can't think of 25 any reason why it wouldn't have been.

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- Q. As a matter of practice at the time, were 1 detectives given discretion to use single-photo or 3 six-photo identifications based on what they thought 4 was appropriate?
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- Q. And so even if, in the example we just looked at, the detective considered Reginald Thomas a suspect at the time of the interview, there was no policy preventing him from using a single-photo identification with a suspect in a witness statement; is that correct?
- 12 A. I wouldn't speculate because I don't know what that detective's mindset was on him at the 13 14 time.
- 15 Q. Let me ask a better question just about the policies. Was there any policy in effect at the 16 17 time preventing a detective from using a single-photo identification of a suspect in a 18 homicide investigation? 19

20 MS. PETERS: I'm going to object -- well, 21 strike that.

22 I withdraw my objection.

Go ahead and answer.

24 A. Sorry. Just go ahead and just give me the question one more time if you could.

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- Q. (By Mr. Hilke) Yeah. During this time 2 period, was there any policy that a detective couldn't show a single photo of a suspect in an identification procedure with a witness?
- 5 A. There was no policy that I was aware of 6 that specifically prohibited that.
- Q. Okay. Let me ask you a -- okay. And I --I think you testified to this -- you testified on this topic earlier, but just to clarify -- was there **10** any policy that police could only take a statement, meaning a typewritten statement, from witnesses who directly observed the homicide? 12
- A. There was no policy that I'm aware of that would prohibit statements other than just that. 14
- Q. Okay. Meaning police -- meaning 15 detectives could take statements when they thought it would aid the investigation regardless of whether **17** the witness had actually seen the homicide taking 18 19 place?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. And there was no policy that six-photo identifications could only be conducted with witnesses who observed the actual homicide; is 24 that correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

Q. Let me -- exhibit-- Exhibit 6 -- this is 1 2 one of the lineup policies that was shared with us. 3 It's dated August 29th, 2000.

Do you see this document in front of you?

6 Q. Is this one of the documents you reviewed 7 for this deposition?

A. Yes.

9 Q. And would this have been the policy in 10 effect in the 2003-to-2005 period?

A. I would assume so.

steps in the lineup identification process. I'm on 13 page 2. So Step 4 says when you do a lineup, you 14 15 should provide witnesses with Lineup Identification Form -- Form 202 P.D. -- and give instructions on 16 17 marking the suspect's number on the form; is that 18 correct?

Q. So I want to call your attention to some

A. I would have to look at the Form 202 P.D. to be specifically familiar with it. Just looking at a form number -- I'm sorry. I -- I just don't know specifically without looking at that form.

23 Q. Yeah. I'm -- let me just ask -- according 24 to this policy, when a witness participates in a 25 lineup, they're given a form, and they're supposed

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1 to mark the suspect's number on the form if they 2 make an identification; is that correct? 3

A. Is that for the videotaped or live lineups? Or ...

Q. Let's -- let's go to the top. So at the top, this policy says that "This memorandum sets forth the procedures used in conducting a lineup of a criminal suspect."

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

Q. And then No. 1 and 2 say try to get all 11 12 the victims and witnesses to view the same lineup 13 and try to show three fill-ins for each suspect. 14

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

16 Q. And it describes various procedures for an 17 investigation sergeant inspecting the lineup, that 18 the lineup should be videotaped, the detective 19 should assign each person a position, and some 20 instructions about viewing individually as group, 21 making them speak and turning or moving.

Do you see all that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And then it describes a Form 181 that's 25 completed for listing certain information on the

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4 Q. And then we get to No. 4, and it says

Form 202 is what you give to the witnesses, and you should give them instructions on marking the 6

suspect's number among other things.

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- A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And then in No. 5 it says after the lineup, separate the witnesses and then inquire if identification has been made. And "if a positive or 12 13 a tentative identification is made, retain the 14 Form 202 P.D. for file."

Do you see that?

- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So according to this policy, the Form 202 should be retained for file if a positive or a tentative identification is made; is that correct? 19
- A. Yes. And my understanding is that is for 20 21 live lineups that would be done.
- 22 Q. Right. 23

And I can -- I can and will be happy to show you the rest of the report. But I didn't see anything in this policy requiring Form 202 to be

warnings, for example, that need to accompany the

interrogation of a suspect; correct? If they have 3 been arrested?

- A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And then scrolling down to page 4 of the 6 PDF, the statement that's been taken here is titled 7 "Suspect Statement." Do you see that?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And that's a different title than the 10 statement would have if it were just a witness. Like, going back to Felicia Jones, Exhibit 5, for a 11 second here -- that just says "Statement," not 12 "Suspect Statement"; correct? 13
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Going back to Exhibit 7, other than -other than the statement being titled the "Suspect Statement" instead of a "Statement," are there any **17** differences in how, as a practice, detectives would take a suspect statement as opposed to just a 19 20 statement from a witness?
- 21 A. No. The general practice would be 22 iden- -- almost identical to a -- it would be the same with the stenographer doing it, other than 24 what's included in the report there -- is just
- the -- the statement about Miranda and that it

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Page 96 1 was -- that they were willingly waiving the right in

2 giving that statement.

I would say that would be the only addition to -- to a suspect statement as opposed to just, like, a witness statement.

Q. During this time period, did -- are you familiar with -- and I'm forgetting the names of them -- but, like, proactive policing community 8 units or other divisions within patrol that did not 10 respond to calls for service but instead did more 11 proactive policing?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Am I correct that those units were sometimes assigned to assist in the investigation of homicides? 15

16 A. Yeah. They could be assigned to assist in the investigation of any investigative unit if it 17 deemed necessary. But, yes, homicide would have

19 been one. 20 Q. And during that time period, officers in 21 those proactive units would be expected to, you

22 know, have relationships or connections to people who lived or frequented the neighborhoods to which 23

they were assigned; correct? 24

25 A. Yes.

retained if no identification was made.

Are you aware of any such requirement in the policy?

4 A. No. I'm not aware of any policy that would require it to be kept if there was no 6 identification made.

7 Q. Okay. So -- oh. Mark Exhibit 7. These are some documents related to the arrest and interrogation of Gary Kitchen, who was questioned in 10 connection with the Larry White homicide. All 11 right.

I'm going to show you on page 3 of this report it describes the subject of the report as "Suspect Interrogation, Gary D. Kitchen, Black male, July 23, 1980."

Do you see that?

- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Am I correct that "Suspect Interrogation" 19 would be written as the subject of a report in a

20 homicide investigation during this time period when

- the person being interrogated is a suspect in the
- 22 crime being investigated?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And there are certain, like,
- 25 constitutional protections, like giving Miranda

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- Q. And so, for example, if there is a drug homicide, as a matter of practice, you'd like to be able to talk to people from the area who buy or sell drugs; right? 4
- 5 A. Absolutely.
- Q. And if there are, like, people doing 6 prostitution in the area, they may also be useful 8 witnesses because they're, you know, out on the street on whatever hours and may have seen something; is that fair?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And those are -- and so as a practice is 13 it fair to say that the homicide detectives relied on those patrol officers and their relationships to 14 15 develop witnesses to solve their cases?
- A. I don't know that we relied on it, but 16 17 we -- I definitely believe that that was -- that that assisted us in having officers out there that knew the people and could potentially, through other 19 20 means, be able to garner information that could be 21 utilized.
- 22 Q. Yeah. I -- I -- so I -- I don't know if "relied" was the right word for me to use. But was 23 24 it fair to say that those patrol officers in a proactive capacity, you know, as a practice played a

1 A. Absolutely.

- 2 Q. And that if you can -- if you can prove a lie and confront a witness or a suspect on it, you might be able to close a homicide that way; is that fair enough?
 - A. I agree.
- Q. And so documenting everything you learn, but then -- you know, then, I guess, evaluating the truth or reliability of what you're told is -- was 10 part of the practice for solving homicides during 11 these years; correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. So one -- one second, please.

14 One -- was it -- was it uncommon during this time period for there to be witnesses to 15 homicides where those witnesses had addictions to 16 17 illicit drugs?

18 A. Was it common or uncommon? I'm sorry. You said "common" or "uncommon"? 19

Q. I said, "Was it" -- "was it uncommon." Yeah, my question was was it uncommon to come into contact with witnesses who had drug addiction in homicide investigations during this time period?

A. I would say it was common, if that

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role in solving some homicides that the homicide detectives investigated during this time period?

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- 4 Q. Okay. So -- by the way, did the -- am I correct that one of the -- one of the practices 5 among homicide detectives was to try to develop 6 reliable information to solve homicides?
- A. You're going to have to probably expand on 8 9 that a little bit.
- 10 Q. Yeah. Actually, let me ask it a different 11 way.

Would you agree, in your experience 12 13 investigating homicides, that when you investigate a homicide, you get a lot of information and you have to sort out what's true and what's not? 15

- 16 A. Yes.
- **17** Q. And it's not uncommon to, you know, get information or hear things from witnesses that turns 18 19 out to be false or partially true or misleading; is 20 that fair?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And, in fact, it can be useful evidence in an eviden- -- in a homicide investigation to
- establish that a witness or a suspect is telling
- lies about a homicide. Would you agree?

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O. It does.

A. Okay.

4 Q. And so among the homicide detectives at this time -- and was there a practice of -- well, 5 6 let me -- let me start with policies, actually.

Was there any policy you were aware of -of whether and how to document that a witness to a hom- -- that a witness had, like -- had an addiction 10 to drugs?

- A. Was there a policy? No.
- 12 Q. Okay. Was there a practice? Like, if as 13 a detective, you learn that a witness has a drug addiction, that that's something that should be 14 15 documented or not?
- 16 A. I think it was a practice. And I think it probably extended more so as to anything that you 17 observed in them at the time. 18
 - Q. Sure.

20 So meaning if they seem intoxicated during 21 an interview with an officer, that's something that 22 vou should write down?

- A. Absolutely. Yes.
- 24 Q. But in -- in terms of investigating was 25 there any prac- -- you know, say you're talking to

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1 an eyewitness who you learn or believe has a drug addiction. Was there a practice whether that witness should be asked whether they were under the influence of drugs while witnessing the crime? 4

A. I think the practice, again, would have gone back as to whether they were displaying anything that might -- that -- that seemed out of the ordinary or their behavior was dictating that.

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And so if a witness is interviewed, you know, for example, days after the crime, the practice would be to write down anything you saw in them then, but not necessarily to ask them whether they were using drugs at the time they witnessed the crime; is that correct?

A. I wouldn't say it was uncommon to do that. Again, I think that the situation would kind of dictate that, you know. If they said they were smoking crack at the time -- and, again, this is a generalization -- you might expand on that. But we weren't just asking every single person, you know, whether -- what addictions they might have or not have, you know, when we were talking with them.

24 Q. Okay. Right. So then certainly the detectives would write down what the witness said.

Page 103 Q. What do you mean "if it was a pertinent 1 2 question?"

A. Well, pertinent answer, I guess, yes.

Q. What do you mean if it's a "pertinent answer"?

A. Pertinent to the crime. I mean ...

7 O. Wouldn't whether a witness had used drugs 8 before witnessing a homicide always be pertinent to the crime because it goes to their reliability of 10 their information?

A. Yes. If you're -- if you're talking specifically to that question and that question was asked, yes, I believe it should be documented. I thought you meant just questions in general. So I'm sorry.

Q. No. You're fine. And I just want to be -- because I'm trying to get your testimony on practices and not just, I guess, what you personally -- should be done.

So just to clarify, that was generally the practice. What a witness tells you that goes to the reliability of, you know, their observations of a homicide is something a detective is going to write down in the department's practice; is that fair?

A. I believe so, yes.

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But would you typically have any expect- -- strike that.

Was there any general practice one way or the other about whether to ask if a witness had recently used drugs at the time they witnessed the crime?

A. I would say, yeah, there was probably a pretty standard practice.

Q. Okay. And then was practice to write down whatever the witness said? Like, if you ask a witness a question like that, you want to record what they told you?

A. Yeah. I would think it would be important.

15 Q. And that was how detectives generally did it during this time period? 16

A. In -- would it -- I guess -- yeah. I mean, they would ask the question. I guess, are you saying in practice would they -- would they always be asking a person that? Or ...

Q. No. I'm -- I'm sorry. I'm -- I meant, in general, if the detectives ask a question, they would write down what the witness told them?

24 A. Yes. If they -- I mean, if it was a 25 pertinent question, yes.

Q. Okay. So would you agree with me -- well, strike that.

3 I want to ask -- as a practice during this 4 time period -- about concerns that could arise with 5 the eyewitness testimony and whether those were 6 concerns that detectives did anything to address.

Here's one. One concern, if taking a statement from someone who sells drugs, is that they might give false information to try to get a 10 competing drug dealer arrested.

11 Is that a concern that arose in the 12 practice of the homicide detectives during this time 13 period?

14 A. I -- yeah, that would be a concern that 15 could arise, yes.

Q. Another one is if you're interviewing 16 **17** someone addicted to drugs, they might be just trying to get back on the street as soon as possible and 18 19 just eager to answer questions in whatever way will 20 end the interaction.

Is that a concern that arose in the practice of detectives during this time period?

Yes. Those could arise also.

24 O. And the third one would be if a witness 25 has, you know, a warrant or is on probation or on

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1 parole that they might feel pressure to cooperate so that they don't get, you know, sent to jail or violated.

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- A. Yep. That could be something that could arise also.
- Q. Okay. Now, was there anything -- let me start with that probation/parole/warrant issue. As a practice, was there anything detectives did to address that concern? Meaning to reduce the pressure on a witness who is on probation, parole, or has an arrest warrant?
- A. Generally, no. I mean, because we had certain parameters -- I mean, would we address that with them? Yes. But, I mean, typically we'd address them that, you know, we couldn't make decisions on those things. We -- you know, that those decisions would have to be either made by probation or parole officers, prosecutors, and all that.
- 22 Q. So is it fair to say that the practice would be to say, you know, "Look, I know you're on 24 probation; you've got a warrant. Whether you cooperate with me or not has nothing to do with how

A. Sure. Yeah.

Q. And what about the concern about people addicted to drugs? That they're just -- that they might just say whatever they can to get back on the street as fast as they can.

Was there anything that as a practice the homicide detectives did during this time period to address that concern?

- 9 A. We would try to vet their statement as 10 much as we could in a situation like that. I would 11 say that the practice was that people would try to say they knew nothing way before they would 12 13 implicate somebody just to get it -- you know, away 14 from the police or out of a statement.
- 15 O. Well, and that's -- that's, like, a 16 common -- that's a common obstacle in a homicide 17 investigation; right? That witnesses are reluctant 18 to provide information?
- 19 A. I think that's common in any type of 20 investigation, that witnesses -- citizens or 21 subjects are reluctant to speak with the police.
- 22 Q. Well, how -- you know, as a practice, you know, and, you know, there are several witnesses in 23 24 this -- well, strike that.

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that's going to go. You can talk to me if you want to. I can't help you with those issues"?

A. No, not necessarily. I mean, we were not in the position to promise them anything. But, I mean, if they were a cooperative individual and their probation officer wanted to know how they acted when they were in contact with the police, which could potentially be a condition of their probation, we would be honest with them.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. With their -- you know, with their probation officer, let's say.

Q. Sure.

And that -- is that something you actually experienced in your career? Like, did you have conversations with probation officers and other people relative to witnesses you interviewed?

- A. Yeah. I would say mostly if -- it would be if they were reaching out to us. I don't know that we proactively reached out to many during the course of the investigations.
- 22 Q. If -- if the witness had been cooperative with you, that's something you would mention to a probation officer who called you about them; is that 24 25 fair?

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this time period get witnesses who were, you know, dealing drugs, using drugs, engaged in prostitution 3 to come -- to come into the station and give statements on these crimes? 5

A. Building a rapport with people. It's your reputation as a detective. You know, that would get out to the streets. "Hey, you know, this detective has always treated me respectfully." That's a big thing out there sometimes -- is just the level of respect you give and how somebody treats you. I 10 11 mean, that -- that's -- that's one of a multitude of 12 things. But it's just establishing rapport with 13 people.

14 O. And the -- and the concern I mentioned before about if someone may be giving information to 15 try to put a competing drug dealer out of 16 **17** business -- was there anything detectives did in 18 investigation to try to address that concern as a 19 practice during this time period?

A. Again, I would say that you're just trying to vet and you're trying to confirm somebody's statement by what they're telling you. And that, as a matter of practice, would typically be when you're doing that. If they're providing alibi information or they're providing any other information,

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By the -- by the way, am I correct that, as a matter of practice, all of the steps taken in an investigation should be memorialized in a report?

A. You try to, yeah.

Q. So if -- if a witness is interviewed, the expectation is that there's going to be a report memorializing the information given? 12

13 A. Yes.

> Q. And if -- you gave the alibi example. If an alibi is being vetted and detectives follow up and talk to people and check if it's true or not, that validation should also be documented in a report; correct?

A. Yeah. I mean -- yes. 19

20 Q. And, likewise, if a -- you know, if a weapon is retrieved, there should be a record 21 22 that -- of what the weapon was and how it was

23 inventoried; correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And -- hang on a second. charges including revocation or probation -- of probation or parole.

Do you recall that topic in the notice?

Q. So one question I have is -- in the practice of homicide detectives at this time, when interviewing a witness, was it typical to know whether they had pending charges against them?

A. I would say so, yeah, for the most part.

Q. Is that typically among -- you know, like, if you're running someone's information in the course of your investigation, that's typically information a detective is going to identify?

A. Yes.

Q. And, well, let me -- let me start with this one. Was there -- you know, if a witness wanted consideration of some kind, you know, like reducing their charges or having, you know, a prosecution dropped or favorable treatment, was there any process among homicide detectives to be able to discuss or offer consideration for participating in an investigation?

A. We couldn't offer anything, but as --24 again, as general practice, we would let them know 25 that we could speak with the prosecutor that was

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MR. HILKE: Let's -- let's take a break for a minute here.

THE REPORTER: We're going off the record 3 4 at 12:18 p.m.

(A recess was taken.)

6 THE REPORTER: Back on the record at 7

Q. (By Mr. Hilke) Sir, in -- in looking over the policies I reviewed, I didn't see any policy 10 that defined exculpatory evidence. Did you see any such policy?

12 A. No.

13 Q. I didn't see any policy relating to the disclosure of exculpatory evidence. Did you see any 15 such policy?

16 A. No.

17 O. Are you independently aware of any such policy in effect during this time period? 18

19 A. No. 20 Q. I want to ask about -- and I can pull up the topic, if it helps, but one of the topics

relates specifically to -- let me find it here.

It's, you know, what -- what it describes as "incentivized accusers," but it defines it as

witnesses facing pending or potential criminal

handling the case we were investigating and relay that to them so they could, you know, make a

3 decision on their part, whether it need to be

contacting another prosecutor if, you know, they

5 were charged within that same county or anything

like that. But we would, you know, just like --

7 like I said, we let them know that we would speak

with the prosecutor and relay that information to 8

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10 Q. Okay. So you know -- of course, you know 11 the police department is a separate entity from the 12 prosecutor and thus cannot agree to drop charges or 13 change a course of a prosecution of its own power; is that correct? 14

A. Correct.

Q. But it sounds like detectives were able to say, you know, if you cooperate, we will communicate that to the prosecutor in the charges you have pending against you; is that correct?

19 A. I don't think we would -- would solicit 20 21 that. That would be something that, if they asked, "Hey, look, I'm" -- you know, "I've got a pending 22 23 charge on me I'm concerned about."

24 "Okay." You know, "We'll talk about what 25 we're talking about here, and when we give your

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information to the prosecutor, we'll let them

- know" -- you know, "about that." And then they can
- 3 make that decision on that end.

Q. Okay. And in -- in the policies I reviewed, I didn't see anything that addresses how detectives should proceed if a witness makes such a request, meaning asks if anything can be done on charges against them.

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- 11 Q. And as a matter of practice -- and so, for example, you're not aware of any policies requiring 12 13 anything to be documented if a witness asks about getting help on charges against him; is that 14 correct? 15
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. And you're not aware of any policies that require the detective to write anything down if they 18 talk to a prosecutor on a witness's behalf after 19 20 they've cooperated; is that correct?
- 21 A. Correct. We would basically just consider ourselves the messengers on that, and that would be 22 something that would be handled outside the scope of 24 what we were doing.
 - Q. Okay. So as a matter of practice, is it

personally involved in; correct? 1

- 3 O. And so you're aware that a court found 4 that a -- an exculpatory report was not given to the 5
 - defense in Yntell -- that's Y-n-t-e-l-l -- Duley's,
- 6 D-u-l-e-y-'s homicide prosecution and overturned his 7 conviction on that basis.

8 Are you familiar with that?

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- 10 Q. Have you reviewed the -- the judge's 11 opinion, the PCR habeas opinion overturning that conviction? 12
- 13 A. Yes. It's been years. It would have been 14 around the time that over -- when that case was overturned that I would have read that, but I have not since then. 16
- 17 Q. And I will -- I will happily show it to you if it helps to refresh your memory, and you can 18 let me know if you'd like me to do that. 19

20 Do you recall that the judge in that 21 habeas proceeding said, "Well, there was a witness 22 statement saying that, even though they don't like

- Yntell Duley, he didn't do it. And, in fact, 23
- someone else did it. And it doesn't appear that
 - that report ever got to the prosecutor or the

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- fair, then, that you wouldn't expect, you know, any of those conversations in which a detective is messenger to be documented in a police report?
- 3 4 A. Not typically, no.
- 5 Q. And the -- am I correct that the
- 6 department had a more formal system of cooperation 7 within its narcotics division?
- 8 A. Yes. I would -- I would say yes.
- 9 Q. And they -- they would have, for example,
- a system where you could actually become a 10 registered informant with the department for 11
- purposes of working off charges or getting paid or 12
- 13 things like that; is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And the homicide division didn't have 15 anything like that, did it? 16
- A. No, we did not. 17
- 18 Q. And the homicide division had no system 19 for either establishing or documenting confidential 20 informants, did it?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Okay. Let me change topics for a minute.
- The investigative file for the Kristi Carroll 23
- homicide investigation was produced to us in this
- case. And that's an investigation you were

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Do you recall that?

- 3 A. I don't recall the specifics of the
- 4 report. I do recall that that was -- that that was
- 5 brought up, yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. I'm not going to spend a lot of 7 time on this, but I'm going to mark this Exhibit 8.
- Let's see. Do you see this document in front of 8
- 9 you?

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- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. And do you see that it's a nine-page
- document described as a "judgment"? And see it's --
- 13 it was -- yeah. Sorry. Do you see that it -- in
- 14 the case of Yntell Duley versus State of Missouri?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Just going to draw your attention to this 16 paragraph on the second page, specifically that one 17
- of Mr. Duley's allegations in his successful habeas
- 19 petition was that he "was denied due process and a
- 20 fair trial because the State failed to comply with
- the Brady rule by not providing defendant's counsel 21
- 22 with exculpatory evidence, commonly recognized as
- 23 withholding evidence. The exonerating evidence was
- contained in a police report in which a witness, 24
- Terry Hutton, told Police Officer Everett Babcock

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1 that he and two identified friends were present at the Duley crime scene; that he did not like Duley,

but Duley did not shoot Kristi Carroll and others; that another person, 'Nose,' did the shooting, then

re-enacted the manner in which the shooting took

place. And that because the defendant took the case rap, 'Nose' and Eddie provided funds for defendant's 7

8 attorney's fees and for his mother." 9

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10 A. Yes.

Q. Does that refresh your recollection of 11 12 the -- of sort of the evidence at issue in this postconviction proceeding? 13

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Q. So do you know -- do you have any knowledge of why that report was not provided to prosecutors in that prosecution?

A. No. I have no specific knowledge of why that full report wasn't provided at the time. Was not aware of it at the time.

Q. And as a matter of the practices in place in the homicide unit from 2003 to 2005, can you think of any explanation of how a patrol officer could write an exculp- -- a report with exculpatory information and yet it is not provided to the

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case" -- you know, "from another case." 1

But, again, I think I'm getting into the speculation part on that.

Q. Yeah. Would -- I'm -- right. So is it -is it fair to say that, aside from an administrative error, meaning, like -- actually, let me ask you a -- a different question for a minute, please.

I'm taking you back to Exhibit 2. At the bottom of the second page of Exhibit 2, there's a stamp that says "logged," and it also says "scanned" on the police report there. Do you see that?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what those fields mean?

14 A. Yes. Typically that would be the -- when 15 that report was written by that officer, that officer would turn that report in at the respective 16 17 patrol division that they worked in. The clerks 18 there would then, at some point in time during a 19 shift -- I would presume after that report was read 20 and approved by a sergeant -- would scan those 21 reports -- either scan them or copy them to be

22 disseminated. And what it looks like to me is that that's that clerk's serial number in the "logged" 23

24 portion in there. 25 Q. Okay.

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prosecutor following the investigation?

A. Well, just to correct, I believe that detect- -- Everett Babcock was a detective at that time in a separate squad.

Q. Okay.

A. I can speculate on why those things would happen. I can't tell you specifically on why this one was not there. It would be speculation on my part as to how something like that could occur.

Q. Yeah. And without asking you to speculate, is there anything you know about the practices in the detective division from 2003 to 2005 that would have allowed a report like that to go missing?

A. I don't know that I would clarify it as missing. I understand what you're saying, but the -- the records-keeping and the way cases were kept track of then compared to the way they are now electronically, which allows for cross-referencing, is much different.

21 So, again, I don't want to get into a bunch of speculation on this one. But through inattention, somebody might not know that "Hey, 24 this" -- "this report needs to go into this file because that case report number does not match a 1 A. So that's an administrative function at 2 the respective patrol division where that report was 3 turned in.

Q. Okay. And it -- it's specifically relating to -- it's specifically a step in the dissemination process; correct? That for a report like this that relates to a homicide, before you make the copy that's going to go over to homicide, you're going to stamp it so you've got a record that 10 it was processed in the patrol station?

11 A. Yeah. So earlier when I was testifying to the fact that the records unit would get copies of 12 13 reports, this would be an example of that.

Q. Okay.

14 15 A. That we're going to get it, but the homicide unit is not going to be the only -- we --17 we weren't going to retain the only copy of this 18 report. When that's logged and -- like that, it 19 means it's being copied and -- I wouldn't know if 20 they were scanned at that time or if they were just 21 copied and, you know, actually sent to the records 22 unit or -- or wherever they were going to be

disseminated. O. Yeah --

25 A. But that's what that indicates to me.

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- Q. Okay. And does the -- the fact that the stamp says not just "logged" but also "scanned" indicate anything to you as to the practice of scanning these documents during the time?
- 5 A. No. I -- I don't know whether they were 6 scanning them at that time or not.
- 7 Q. Yeah. And then in terms of the 8 distribution, there is a -- you described earlier the process of routing reports that relate to a 10 homicide so that it goes literally to the homicide division to be distributed to the appropriate 11 sergeant; is that correct? 12
 - A. The -- yeah. That's the hope, ultimately, that through this process it would get there. The other avenue would be the officers themselves -- if they've been in contact with that specific unit -is, you know, maybe -- maybe not handing off another copy. But for -- for this -- for what you're speaking of here, yes, you're correct.
- 20 Q. Okay. When -- so in -- in addition to the 21 sort of official communication, if the patrol 22 officer has been working with a detective, they also 23 have the ability to bring a copy to them and hand 24 one that way also; is that correct?
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Page 123 1 division but not placed by the homicide detective into the master file, that's one reason why a report 3 could be missing from the master file and yet the 4 department retains a copy of it; is that correct?

- A. Yes, I think you're absolutely correct.
- Q. Stop sharing this.

I want to ask you about evidence handling. And I'll pull up the policy titled "Handling Physical Evidence Policies A," Exhibit 9. Can you see this document now? 10

- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And, again, you're not aware of any policies about handling evidence beyond the ones that you reviewed that were given to you by 15 Ms. Peters; is that correct?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Sorry. On -- on page 1, we've got a 18 policy issued April 2004. Do you see that here?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And this policy rescinds, like, seven 21 separate procedural instructions and department 22 memorandums. Do you see that there -- actually, six separate. Do you see that? 23
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. So I -- let me take you to page 13, and

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- Q. And then there's also the records unit, which is responsible for maintaining its own copy of documents that are, you know, scanned or copied in this fashion: is that correct?
- A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. So then let me -- give me one 7

8 So -- sorry. One second. Going back to 9 Exhibit 8 and turning back to the report that this **10** court found was exculpatory and withheld in Yntell Duley's prosecution, your testimony, I think, before 11 was that administrative error is always possible, 12 13 but you don't personally know why this report didn't get disclosed; correct? 14

- A. Correct.
- Q. And we've been provided more than 2,700 pages from the investigative file in this case. And the report described here is not in there. And so because the detect- -- the homicide detective is responsible for maintaining the master file, the master file generally only includes documents that the homicide -- the case detective has personally placed in there; is that correct? A. Yes.

Q. And if a report was copied by the records

- there's a section on "Recovered Property -Surveillance Tapes or Disks." Do you see that 2 3 there?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And Subsection 1 says "All surveillance 6 tapes or disks that contain recorded images valuable 7 in the filing of felony charges against a suspect or suspects will be recovered as evidence in accordance 8 9 with this directive."

Do you see that there?

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12 Q. And, as far as you know, was that the 13 policy throughout the 2003-to-2005 period? That tapes or disks with recorded images valuable in 15 filing felony charges must be recovered?

A. I -- I can only tell you what -- that it would be from the date that this policy came into effect and beyond. I don't know if that was the specific policy from any of the rescinded ones prior. And I know, because of that asterisk next to the "J" on there, that indicates that's a new addition to a policy. So that's what I can tell you on that.

- 24 Q. Okav.
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2004, and on that was the policy, specific.

- Q. Okay. And as written, this policy -would you agree with me that this policy requires a collection of inculpatory recorded images, meaning, for example, videos or photographs that tend to establish the guilt of a suspect?
- A. I -- I don't know that it specifically says that in there. Does --
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- 10 A. -- it says "valuable" -- I mean, I -- I -other than what it specifically says in there, yes.

I mean, do you -- do you understand the phrase "valuable in the filing of felony charges against the suspects" differently? That it means something other than tending to inculpate the suspect?

- A. No. I agree with what you're saying.
- 19 Q. Okay. Are you aware of anywhere in these 20 policies where it's required to collect recorded images that are exculpatory of a suspect? 21
- 22 A. I am not.
- 23 Q. Okay. Let me mark another exhibit. 24 Exhibit 10. This is a document -- "Interrogating
- **Interviewing Policies A."**

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Do you see this on your screen?

2 A. Yes.

- Q. And on page 2, there's a definition of "Questioning Advisory - Do Not Arrest." And it clarifies that a questioning advisory is not the basis for an arrest or booking of an individual, it doesn't indicate probable cause, and that "the subject should be informed of the measures required to satisfy the questioning advisory, the location to respond to voluntarily, et cetera"; is that correct?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And are you aware of anywhere else in the policies you reviewed that questioning advisories are addressed?
 - A. No. I'm not.
- Q. And what does -- where that -- where this definition says "the subject should be informed of the measures required to satisfy the questioning advisory" -- what does that mean?
- 19 20 A. Typically would mean that if somebody came across this subject, they would have to run them through the -- you know, our computer system for this to -- to pop up. But if it popped up, the subject would be given, you know, the opp- -- to say, "Hey, look. The detectives want to talk to you

in regard to a case." 1

> You know, if they're not being detained or arrested for any other reason, they would be -- they would be advised of which detective wanted to talk to them and a contact number for them or a contact number for the unit and encouraged to get in touch with them.

Maybe some additional information would be garnered from that person that would allow the detectives to get in touch with them.

- Q. So the -- so then the -- the measures required to satisfy the questioning advisory -- the phrase "satisfy the questioning advisory" is confusing to me. Do you know what it means to "satisfy a questioning advisory"?
- A. Well, for it -- just to have it purged 16 otherwise. I mean, it would stay in the system typically for the 90 days, you know, until that 19 person was contacted. If -- if at that 90-day mark, they weren't contacted, you know, at that point in 20 time, a decision would be made whether or not we 22 could reissue another one, you know, or leave it in 23 there, or -- or get rid of it.

24 But there's no leg- -- I don't see any 25 legal satis- -- you know, satisfaction in regard to

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this. I mean, we're just trying to talk to a person, and this is advising officers that "Hey, if you run across this person, such-and-such detective or unit wants to speak with them in regard to a case."

- Q. And, by the way, we talked before a little bit about community or proactive patrol officers. Do their duties include trying to make contact with people who had questioning advisories -- advisories issued on them?
 - A. Yeah. That could be a duty that they had.
- 12 Q. How were questioning advisories 13 distributed?

14 A. It would just be put into the system, 15 like, our computer system, under that person's name. So if they were ran, just like a warrant would -- it 16 17 would pop up underneath their record to notify the 18 officer. Let's say they stop this person and for 19 whatever reason they ran them through the computer 20 system. The dispatcher would relay that information

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24 A. You know, if we were looking for them and 25 we were in touch with officers in the field and

back -- "Oh, hey, by the way, this person's got a

questioning advisory out of the homicide unit."

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asking them to proactively look, that information could be, you know, provided to them ahead of time.

- O. And so, by the way, if someone who's the subject of a questioning advisory is contacted and doesn't want to talk, is the questioning advisory then immediately purged? Or does it still stay in the system for 90 days?
 - A. No, it would still stay in the system.
- Q. Okay. So they may find themselves being 10 questioned multiple times about it if they decide that they don't want to come in to be -- give a 11 12 statement?
 - A. Well, not -- not questioned in regard to the questioning advisory itself or the crime. Because they -- the -- the officer -- the patrol officer, uniform officer that stopped them is not going to typically question or -- you know, question them in regard to whatever case it is because they probably wouldn't know much information in regard to that case, if that makes sense.
 - Q. I -- I chose my words poorly. What I think I should have asked is, you know, if -- if I'm in Kansas City and there's a questioning advisory out for me, I can expect every time I'm contacted by police and they run my name for the next 90 days,

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they're going to ask me about the advisory until it gets purged from the system?

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- Q. Okay. And, alternatively, if someone stopped and they -- the questioning advisory is addressed with them, and they decide to come in and talk to the investigative unit, then that act of coming in to talk is going to -- is going to -- is going to close the questioning advisory about them; is that correct?
- A. Yeah. Typically, that would -- that would 11 12 be the satisfaction met.
 - Q. Okay. And is that -- back to this policy. When it uses the phrase "the measures required to satisfy the questioning advisory" -- is the only way to satisfy the questioning advisory to come in and talk to the investigative officers?
- 17 18 A. Typically, yes. But, I mean, you know, if 19 they're -- we've had witnesses or people with 20 informa- -- with questioning advisories that maybe
- 21 it took going out there to talk with them, you know.
- But at least they were located. Maybe we weren't
- able to locate them prior, but they were located and 24 said, "Look, I'm not going in. If they want to come
- out and talk with me" -- "we would -- we would make

Page 131 every measure to do that -- to question them. We

would prefer to do it, obviously, you know, on our turf, but if we weren't able to, that -- that would

be a -- an instance where it would be satisfied.

5 Q. I understand. So it could, you know -- in 6 some circumstances it could be outside of the 7 detectives' offices instead of at the detectives' 8 offices. But either way, the advisory is only satisfied if the detectives interview the subject of 10 the advisory; is that correct?

A. Yeah. I mean, it could be satisfied by --11 12 let's say they have warrants come out on them at some point in time after the fact; they were 13 arrested. It would be an alert to either the 14 15 officer arresting them or to the detention unit 16 to -- to get ahold of that -- respective detectives 17 and say, "Hey, this person is in custody down here."

18 You know, it just provides another opportunity for

19 them -- for us to -- to be able to talk with them. 20

O. Sure.

So it could also be satisfied if the subject is arrested, and then it's up to the detective to try to talk to them because they're -they're now being detained; is that correct?

A. Yeah. Detained outside of the -- you

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know, for something outside of the questioning 2 advisory itself. 3

Q. Sure.

Are there any other methods you know of by which a questioning advisory can be satisfied?

A. I would guess the only other way -- maybe learning that, through other sources, that they might not have had information that we needed, and then we would purge that questioning advisory.

- 10 Q. Okay. And they're also -- the department 11 also issued pickup orders to make arrests of suspects in investigations; correct? 12
 - A. Yes.
- 14 O. What's the standard for -- or in its 15 practice, was there a standard detectives had to meet before requesting that a pickup order be issued 16 17 for a suspect?
- 18 A. That there was probable cause to arrest 19 them in regard to some offense.
- 20 Q. Okay. And did the department have a 21 different standard for the necessary probable cause 22 to issue a pickup order and the necessary probable 23 cause to detain a suspect beyond 20 hours after 24 arrest?
- 25 A. No. I'd say it was the same. I mean, it

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1 would -- regardless of whether it was an on-view arrest or a pickup arrest, we still have the time 3 frame to get a warrant for them.

Q. Yeah. Did -- so I know it -- and by the way, I'm changing topics now.

Confidential -- we talked about confidential informants being a mechanism specific to the narcotics detectives within the department. Did patrol officers who assisted in homicide investigations have any system for log -- for signing up or documenting confidential informants?

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- Q. Now, was there -- in the homicide detectives' practice in 2003 to 2005, did they at time receive reports from patrol officers where patrol officers would identify witnesses as a confidential informant or confidential source?
 - A. I've seen reports like that, yes.
- Q. Okay. And I haven't seen any policies regarding, you know, how and when to make such designations. Are you aware of any such policies?
- 22 A. No. There are no policies in regard to patrol officers and confidential informants. 23
- 24 Q. Okay. And is the same true for homicide detectives? They also don't have any policies on --

treat that person in any way as any type of

- confidential source or informant on our end.
 - O. Sure.
 - A. It --
 - Q. Go ahead. No. Go ahead. I'm sorry.
- A. I was just -- right -- and the only other 6 7 difference would be -- is whether or not we were 8 getting that report from that officer real time or,
- 9 you know, that report is getting dropped in the pan
- 10 a day later. I don't know specifically -- I'm --
- I'm not giving any specific incident. But either 11
- 12 way we'd be making every attempt to identify that
- person through that officer with ever -- for 13
- whatever means we deemed necessary to identify them 15 and get them spoken to.
 - Q. Sure.

17 So if the -- if the witness described as a confidential informant or a confidential source was 18 an eyewitness and had seen, you know, some portion 19 20 of a homicide, for example, the expectation would be 21 that the detectives are going to find out who that 22 witness is and that they're going to treat them just

like any other witness in the investigation? 24 A. Absolutely. Because there is no mechanism 25 for them to be deemed that through patrol. We would

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during this time period on confidential informants or confidential sources?

- 3 A. Yeah. We had no mechanism for any of that 4 within violent crimes.
 - Q. So in the practice in homicide investigations, what was the significance of a patrol officer designating a witness as a confidential informant or confidential source?
- A. I'd say a mistaken belief. Just because 10 it would be in a report doesn't mean we would have 11 treated them that way.
 - Q. Uh-huh. And in the homicide detectives' practice, when an officer wrote down that a witness was a confidential source or confidential informant. was there a practice of how to get information about, you know, who that witness was?
- 17 A. I don't know that there was a general practice that we had in place. I would say the 18 19 general practice would be if it were real time, we 20 would get ahold of the officer and say, no, that 21 person -- we need to -- that person needs to be identified. We need to know who they are and make 22 23 every attempt for us to be able to talk with them.
- 24 Q. Sure.
- 25 A. Again, there was no policy -- we would not

1 not consider them a confidential informant. 2

Q. Yeah. And then -- am I correct that the expectation would be -- well, strike that.

In the practice at the time, because such a witness is going to be treated like any other witness, if the detectives, you know, speak with the witness, get information from them, they're going to write a report on that interview just like any other report in their investigation; correct? 10

- A. I presume so, yes.
- 11 Q. And because they're documenting a homicide 12 investigation and because what, you know -- there's 13 no confidential informant mechanism, the practice for the detective would be to write down the name and other identifying information of that source; 15 16 correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. But as -- as far as you're aware, as to 19 that patrol officer and the report they wrote, where 20 they wrote down a confidential informant or
- 21 confidential source, that patrol officer is
- 22 permitted to keep the identity in their memory,
- meaning they weren't required to document the name 23
- of that source anywhere else; is that correct? 24
- 25 A. I -- I wouldn't necessarily agree with

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- Q. So what -- was the requirement that a patrol officer write down the name of any witness they speak to?
- 5 A. If they're documented in a report and they 6 know it, yes.
 - Q. Okay. And what's your -- what's your basis for saying that that was a requirement?
- 9 A. Well, I mean, if they're documented in --10 documented in a report -- that there's no mechanism that I'm aware of that would allow them to keep them 11 confidential in that regard. The only way we typically dealt with -- we wouldn't -- I wouldn't 13 even call them "confidential." We'd call them 14 15 "unknown."

Somebody is approaching you by phone or something saying, "Hey, I have information," we're going to write that information down. But we might not be able to get their name. But that would be the only way I would consider -- outside of, you know, like -- like, a narcotics investigation where you're a registered confidential informant -- of

23 documenting something without having somebody's 24 name. 25

Q. One second. So I marked this Exhibit 11.

of the report, there's no subject here, meaning that the person described as a "confidential informant" 3 4 in the report is not further identified there. 5

Q. And then if you look up at the first page

Do you see that?

6 A. That's what that officer that wrote the 7 report labeled them as, correct.

Q. Right. And I -- I understand your testimony is -- you know, confidential informant -that's not an official thing. There's no mechanism. There's no tracking. There's no process for anything like that in the department during this 12

13 time period for patrol officers. Is that correct? 14

A. That's correct.

Q. So consistent with your testimony, a 15 homicide detective during these years receiving this report would find out from the author who the 17 18 confidential informant is; right? 19

A. I would -- I would suspect so, yes.

20 Q. And consistent with your testimony, any 21 subsequent interaction with the confidential 22 informant would be documented in a report, and that

report would identify who the confidential informant 23

was. Is that correct?

A. My only caveat would be presuming that the

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This is a report dated October 7, 2003. It's in the Larry White homicide investigation. It's signed by V. Huth.

4 Do you see this document on your -- on your screen? 5

6 A. Yes.

> Q. And the -- taking you to the second page, the first paragraph of the narrative says "On 10/7/03 at 1155 hours, Police Officer Begley and I were contacted by a confidential informant in regard to information on a homicide that occurred on

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then says "She stated that on 10/6/03 at approximately 8:30 p.m. she observed a

10/6/03 at 28th and Wabash." Do you see that?

black male running from 29th and Olive (apartment buildings), being pursued by two other black males 17

18 who were firing guns at him. She stated that the

black male ran north in the alley just east of the

20 above-mentioned apartments, jumped a fence, and ran

eastbound beside 2846 Wabash. The two black males 21

22 continued pursuing him while firing rounds from an

23 unknown weapon." 24

Do you see that?

25 A. Yes. officer that -- that came in contact with this

person was able to get identifying information from 2 3 them, yes.

4 Q. And showing you to the bottom of the form, 5 Officer Huth writes at the bottom "It should be noted that the above-mentioned informant has in the 6 7 past given us reliable information in regard to

numerous crimes." 8

> Do you see that? A. Yes.

11 Q. And so, presumably, this is not a person 12 unknown to Officer Huth at the time he wrote this 13 report. Would you agree?

14 A. That would be my -- I can only speculate 15 on that.

Q. Sure.

17 MR. HILKE: I'm going to go over my notes.

18 Can we take a short break, please.

THE COURT REPORTER: Going off record at 19 20 1:22 p.m.

(A recess was taken.)

22 THE REPORTER: Back on the record at

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24 MR. HILKE: Sir, I don't have any more 25 questions for now. I appreciate your time today.

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Page 141 MS. PETERS: I have a few. 1 2 Can -- this is a question for the court 3 reporter. I want to make sure you can hear me. 4 THE REPORTER: I can hear you. 5 MS. PETERS: You can? 6 THE REPORTER: Yes, I can. MS. PETERS: Okay. I'm off-camera. So 7 8 I'll -- I'll try to speak up. 9 **EXAMINATION** BY MS. PETERS: 10 Q. Mr. Dillenkoffer, I have some questions 11 for you regarding training of homicide detectives

12 from the time frame 2003 to 2005. And I want to start with what you referred to earlier as 14 "detective school." What is detective school? And, 15 again, I'm referring to the time frame 2003 to 2005. 16 17 A. So detective school would have typically

been put on by supervisors from investigative units 18 or, I would say, very tenured detectives. But it 19 20

was very general just in terms of putting a case together, probable cause, reasonable suspicion, 21

22 interview techniques, interrogation techniques,

maybe go into a -- even a little bit of court 23

24 testimony-type training. All very, I would say,

kind of 101, general -- just training on the

evidentiary -- classroom. 1

> Q. Would a topic such as exculpatory evidence 2 3 have been taught in detective school during this time frame? 4

A. It was --

MR. HILKE: I just want to -- oh, just object to foundation.

You can answer.

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?

Q. (By Ms. Peters) He objected to foundation. So let me rephrase my question.

Did you attend detective school yourself?

A. No, I did not.

14 Q. Okay. Did you work with other detectives 15 that did attend detective school?

A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And did you work with detectives that attended detective school in the time frame of 19 2003 to 2005?

A. Yes, I would have.

Q. Okay. Did you teach at detective school? 21

22 A. Later -- not during that time frame, but later in my career, yes. 23

24 Q. And what time frame did you teach at

25 detective school?

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Page 144 A. Would have -- I would say 2000 to -- 2015 1

2 and on, after I was a -- a sergeant within an 3 investigative unit.

4 O. So 2015 to 2000- --

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6 Q. So back to the time frame of 2003 to 2005, 7 were you generally aware of what was taught at

detective school?

9 A. Yes.

Q. And how were you aware of that?

11 A. I would say just amongst the normal

discourse between detectives and sergeants of what 12

13 would be taught. I can remember the time that it was decided I wasn't going to go because all the

topics we were talking about I had been doing and 15

working -- doing for a number of years at that 16 17 point.

18 Q. And, again, I'm going to ask you are -are you aware whether a topic such as exculpatory 20 evidence was taught at detective school from 2003 to 2005? 21

22 A. I'm not aware. I -- I couldn't tell you whether that was or not during that time frame. 23

Q. What about -- same time frame -- what about the topic of Brady issues or Brady-Giglio

differences between being a patrol officer. Report

writing would be another one. You know, writing reports in regard to an investigative case instead

4 of offense report, let's say. 5

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Q. And detective school -- how long was detective school?

A. Generally, it was a week long, you know, Monday through Friday.

9 Q. Was it all classroom?

A. Majority classroom, yes.

Q. Were there parts of detective school that were outside the classroom?

13 A. Generally no, unless, occasionally, they might try to maybe go into a courtroom and talk with a judge or have a judge kind of give some 15 information. But generally it would have been just classroom, Monday through Friday, training. 17

Q. And was detective school held at the police academy at KCPD?

20 A. Either the academy or at headquarters 21 somewhere, really where space is available.

Q. Do you recall if the general topic of 22 identifying evidence for a case file would have been 23 24 taught in detective school during this time frame?

A. If so, it would have been very general

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material? Was that a topic that was taught in that time frame at detective school?

- 3 A. I believe that would be a topic that would 4 have been gone over.
- Q. Okay. Now, you testified that you didn't 5 go to detective school --6
 - A. Correct.
- 8 Q. -- right?

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- 9 And was detective school only for homicide 10 detectives?
- A. No. That would have been for anybody who 11 was being assigned as a detective from a patrol 12 officer or uniformed officer. 13
- 14 Q. Was the general requirement at KCPD that 15 all new detectives at some point had to go to detective school? 16
- 17 A. Wasn't a requirement. It was -- but it was something that they wanted to, in a timely 18 fashion, get people who were becoming detectives 19 20 into that to give them some additional training.
- 21 Q. Okay. And what would be "a timely 22 fashion"?
- 23 A. Ideally, within a year of becoming a 24 detective is when they would try to do it.
 - Q. Would it -- would it be assumed if someone

Page 147 typically if we would host some sort of training,

- the hosted department would get so many free seats
- 3 or, you know, free slots within the training. So
- 4 that's how, typically, the training that we would 5 get would come to us.
 - Q. And did you attend any of that type of outside training from 2003 to 2005 when you were a homicide detective?
- 9 A. I can't specifically say during that time 10 that it -- there was multiple training opportunities I had throughout my career in homicide. So ... 11
 - O. You can't pin it down to that just specific time frame?
 - A. No, I cannot.
- 15 Q. Okay. Okay. So aside from the outside training, how did a homicide detective learn how to do his job as a homicide detective? 17
- 18 A. So, typically, I would say members were 19 not -- would not become homicide detectives directly 20 from the field. They would typically go to other
- 21 units, whether it be domestic violence, could be sex 22 crimes or juvenile unit. That's where you would get
- your initial -- and almost all of it was, like, 23
- 24 on-the-job training at that point.
 - So going into homicide, because the -- the

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Page 148 relative number of cases that you would get assigned

was working as a detective longer than a year or they were already practicing -- well, strike that.

Was it assumed that after a year of being a detective on the job that the detect--one-week-long detective school really had nothing additional to offer?

A. Yes. The -- the school itself would have a limited number of spots. So I think it was -- was kind of on an individual, case-by-case detective who they would decide would be going to detective school --

- Q. Okay.
- 13 A. -- based on experience.
- Q. Okay. So we talked about detective 14 school. I want to move now -- and I only want to 15 talk about the homicide -- or homicide detectives, 2003 to 2005. What kind of -- what was the training 17 18 like?
- 19 A. Typically training would be outside. As I 20 had said before, it would be outside training where an instructor or a member of an outside police 21
- 22 department would have a course they would put 23 together and typically bring to our department.
- 24 And the -- and the only reason I say
- 25 that -- that -- because of cost constraints,

- compared to another unit would not be the same, you 3 typically had a period where you were not the primary, not going to be a case detective, not going 5 to be interrogating subjects, initially. They would
- 6 start you off, you know, with witness interviews and 7 other aspects of the investigation. And then as
- 8 time went on, you'd be given more responsibilities.
- 9 Q. Okay. So from -- from what I understand from your testimony -- is that the practice at KCPD 10 11 at -- from 2003 to 2005 was -- in order for someone
- to become a homicide detective -- maybe not always,
- but typically they would have been a detective in 14
- another unit first? 15
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And then once they're a new 16 **17** homicide detective, they're not given as many cases 18 as a more senior homicide detective?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And what are some other differences for a new homicide detective learning the job? For 21 22 example, is a new homicide detective limited to a 23 certain type of case?
- 24 A. So yes. And to explain that, it really 25 goes into the process of how we investigated

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- 1 homicide cases back then. You were either -- for
- lack of a better term, we were investigating either
- "smoking gun" cases, where you -- you would get
- there and you would know who your suspect was. So
- you weren't trying to develop a suspect per se -- as
- opposed to what we called kind of the "whodunit"
- 7 cases, which were our murder squad cases, where
- you're basically going in cold. You don't know who
- your suspect is, and you're having to develop all

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Generally it's thought that a smoking gun-type case is not as involved as a -- what would be a murder-squad-type case that we were working.

Q. Okay. And was there -- now there's -- I will tell you there's been prior testimony in this case that a new homicide detective would be working with a -- kind of like a -- an FTO or field training officer, but it would be a -- another more senior homicide detective. Is that something that was practiced at KCPD in the homicide unit from 2003 to 2005?

22 A. Yes. And not necessarily specific just to the training aspect of it. We generally worked in 23 24 pairs as detectives, even going out and talking with 25 people.

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So there -- you know, a lot of times there'd be two of you there. So just the aspect of having two people there that, you know, you're allowing one person to learn while they're doing it. It wasn't just because we wanted -- it wasn't just for our training purpose that we were doing that. We just typically worked in pairs, and that allowed for that.

And you wouldn't put -- you know, let two tenured detectives be a -- you know, partner up and then two nontenured detectives partner up. You would -- the sergeant would typically split them up where you had a tenured detective and a newer detective, you know, working together. So just organically that's how you learned.

Q. How long would a new homicide detective work with a training detective during this time?

17 18 A. Our rotations were three-month rotations 19 on how we worked murder squad and -- working a day 20 shift, working a -- an evening shift. So I would say one to two three-month rotations would be pretty 22 standard depending on how they were picking up 23 things.

24 Also, depending on your caseload. Because 25 a part of what we also did in homicide was work

Page 151 1 suicides and dead bodies. So even though criminally

we weren't turning a case over to the prosecutor's 3 office, a lot of the investigative techniques were

identical.

So if they had busy months where they were working a lot of dead bodies, a lot of suicides, that might shorten, you know, their training period just depending on how much exposure they were getting to doing a lot of the things you'd be doing 10 in a homicide investigation.

Q. Okay. Let me break that up a little bit so I understand. Is it your testimony that rotations were two to three months in the homicide unit?

15 A. The squad rotation was three months, where 16 one -- we had three squads; so one squad would work 17 a month of days, then you would transition to a month of evenings. And during those times, we would 19 only work the quote -- the -- the "smoking gun" 20 murders.

And then we would do a 28-day rotation where we're doing the murder squad, where you're on call. You were not working any other cases; you

24 were just on call to handle those cases where

25 somebody was found dead and there was no suspect.

Page 152 You'd get called in regardless of whether you're

2 working or you're off time, and then you would come 3 in and work those.

4 Q. And would a new homicide detective be working with a training detective through three 6 28-day cycles at the least?

8 Q. Okay. To get all the experience of all the different types of cases that you've just 10 described?

A. Right.

12 Q. Okay. I have -- I want to switch a topic 13 here. I have a question or two about Exhibit 6.

14 MS. PETERS: If you don't mind, Wally, can 15 you pull that up. I believe I have the correct exhibit number. 16

17 MR. HILKE: Yeah. That's the lineup 18 policies; right?

MS. PETERS: Yes.

MR. HILKE: Sure. 20

21 Q. (By Ms. Peters) Okay. I have just really 22 one question for you. But to -- to kind of lay the foundation for it -- you correct me if I'm wrong --

but earlier when you were testifying about

Exhibit 6, which is the policy on live lineups;

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- A. Yes.
- Q. I believe you testified that -- well, and 3 let me back up. What's the form -- what is a Form 202 as it -- as it is referred to in this policy? 6
- A. I do not remember specifically. I would have to look at that form to -- to -- to actually tell you. We did not do live lineups very often. 10 So they're just not forms that I'm very familiar with. 11
- 12 Q. Was a Form 202 a form where a eyewitness would mark on it if the eyewitness made a positive 13 14 identification in the live lineup?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. 16

MR. HILKE: Sorry. Just object to

18 foundation.

19 You can answer.

- 20 Q. (By Ms. Peters) And I believe that's what you testified to earlier; correct? 21
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- 23 Q. Okay. A Form 202 was not retained if a 24 witness did not make a positive identification; is that correct?

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Q. Okay. Do you know why that is? Why the Form 202 would not be retained if a positive

4 identification was not made? 5

A. I -- I would just say because it's not memorializing anything pertinent that happened that could not just be put in a report. It wasn't of evidentiary purposes that "Hey, look, they

A. I believe that's correct. Yes.

- identified somebody" and they -- they put a marking
- 10 on it by initials or date or somewhat. It could 11 just be memorialized in a report by a detective
- saying, "Nobody was identified from this." You 12
- 13 know, we felt that that served its -- the same

purpose in itself. 14

- Q. And would -- as part of that report memorializing that no positive identification was made from a live lineup, would there be any additional information that would be required to be in that report about the live lineup itself?
 - A. Not that I'm aware of.
- Q. Would there be any information required to 21
- be in the report regarding the names of the
- individuals, for lack of a better word, displayed in the live lineup? 24
- 25 A. Yeah. I believe that information would be

1 provided -- what individuals were put into a live lineup. But, again, I've done very, very few live 3 lineups in my career. We just didn't typically in 4 our -- in homicide use them.

Q. And why is that? Do you know why that is that live lineups were not typically used?

A. I would say the reasoning -- typically when live lineups were used was if maybe -- in robberies, and I use that because I think robberies 10 would use more live lineups where the -- where 11 the -- the witnesses were saying that the -- the suspect said something specifically. 12 13

So the live lineup itself was not just a photograph but maybe -- you know, inflection in voice or tone of a person's voice also might be something, you know -- that that's being used during that. And typically maybe not having the person -and you'd have to have the person in custody also in order to do the live lineup. So we -- we typically, you know, a lot of times did not have that opportunity.

22 Q. Okay. I want to switch gears to Exhibit 11, which is Vern Huth's October 7, 2003, 23 24 report. Is that up on the screen?

25 A. Yes.

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MS. PETERS: Can you scroll to the second 1 2 page, Wally, please.

MR. HILKE: Yes.

MS. PETERS: Okay. Thank you.

Q. (By Ms. Peters) So we discussed this report earlier in your testimony with Mr. Hilke. This is a report that was submitted by Vern Huth regarding a confidential eyewitness -- at least as -- as documented by Vern Huth, a confidential 10 informant eyewitness to the murder of Larry White. 11 Do you see that?

A. Yes. 12

13 Q. Okay. And I -- you testified about that earlier, and I just wanted to clarify a few quest- -- some testimony here. So if a patrol officer wrote this report -- very similar or a 16 **17** report like this out in the field, I believe your 18 testimony was earlier that if a homicide detective found out about it, he would document the identity 20 of that confidential informant; correct?

- A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And how would he do that?

23 A. Well, I would say -- and there -- there

are a couple different options. If -- getting this 24

report, getting ahold of that officer, number one,

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Page 157 Page 159 saying, "Hey, you're going to have to do an unit? 1 additional report identifying this person." 2 A. No, I'm not aware of any specific ones. 3 3 Or if we were able to get ahold of that Q. You testified a little about the period in person, we -- we could do a report saying that, you which a new homicide detective would work with a 4 4 know, "We talked with this person. We're treating more senior detective. Are you aware of any 5 him as an eyewitness. This is their name." You specific requirements as to the nature or length of 6 know, if it turned out that they were a person that 7 that training period? 7 was, quote, labeled as a confidential informant or 8 A. No. Not at that time. source in a report, we could say, you know, "It 9 Q. And you were asked some questions about should be noted that this is" -- "that this person 10 identifications and nonidentifications during live we're talking to is the person that was originally lineups. Are you aware of anywhere in any of the 11 11 labeled as such and such in a previous report." We policies you've reviewed that it is specifically 12 would connect it somehow to -- to clarify that. required that an -- a witness's nonidentification at 13 13 14 Q. So it would be the practice -- in the 14 a live lineup be documented? 15 practice of a homicide detective in the time frame 15 A. No, I'm not aware. 2003 to 2005 to document not only the name of that 16 Q. All right. confidential informant but also to get a statement 17 17 MR. HILKE: That's all I have. from that confidential informant; correct? 18 18 MS. PETERS: We'll read and sign. 19 19 THE REPORTER: Okay. Same orders as last 20 20 Q. And also to link up that confidential time? informant with the report from the patrol officer; 21 21 MS. PETERS: Yes, from Diane. 22 correct? 22 THE REPORTER: Okay. 23 23 A. Yes. Assuming somebody had the name of MR. HILKE: Yes. An e-tran, regular delivery, please. 24 that person when they talked to them. 24 Q. Okay. And also assuming that the homicide 25 25 THE REPORTER: Okay. Page 158 Page 160 detective had a copy of that report by the patrol 1 MR. HANER: And I do not need anything on officer identifying a confidential informant 2 behalf of defendant McGowan. 2 evewitness; correct? 3 3 (The deposition concluded at 1:54 p.m.) 4 A. Yes. 4 5 Q. Obviously, if the homicide detective 5 doesn't have a copy of that report, he may not 6 understand that the patrol officer was calling the 7 eyewitness a "confidential informant" and wouldn't 8 know to document it as -- as you just identified; 9 correct? 10 10 11 A. Correct. 11 12 Q. All right. 12 13 MS. PETERS: I don't have anything 13 further. 14 14 15 Josh? 15 16 MR. HANER: No questions. 16 17 MR. HILKE: I have -- I have just a few. 17 18 **EXAMINATION** 18 19 BY MR. HILKE: 19 **20** Q. You -- Ms. Peters had asked you some 20 questions about whether detectives typically work an 21 assignment other than homicide before joining 22 homicide. Are you aware of any specific 23

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requirements that applied in 2003 to 2005 that a

25 detective had to satisfy before joining the homicide

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